

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER PLANNING | DESIGN | CONSTRUCTION

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SUBJECT: ASBESTOS TESTING AND ABATEMENT POLICY

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POLICY

This policy is intended to establish guidelines for the safe management and removal of asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) and to minimize the disturbance of suspect ACBM by contractors during construction, renovation or repair activities.

PROCEDURE

No known or suspect ACBM will be disturbed or removed by any general contractors or subcontractors. Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) PLANNING | DESIGN | CONSTRUCTION (PDC) will be responsible for the solicitation of qualified asbestos consultants for testing, and abatement contractors for removal, of ACBM prior to any construction or renovation activities that might disturb the suspect ACBM.

I. Specific Information

- A. Prior to the start of each VUMC construction or renovation project the PDC Construction Coordinator will perform a pre-construction assessment of the scope of work and the proposed work area to determine if an asbestos survey of the area will be required.
- B. If an asbestos survey is required, the Construction Coordinator will solicit a qualified independent third party asbestos consultant to perform the necessary survey and testing of suspect ACBM. The asbestos consultant will submit a comprehensive report of his findings to the Construction Coordinator.
- C. If the report identifies ACBM in the construction/renovation area that might be disturbed by construction activities the Construction Coordinator will direct the asbestos consultant to solicit bids from qualified asbestos abatement contractors for the abatement of the ACBM prior to the start of construction or renovation.
- D. In the event limited construction work is required to expose the location of undisturbed ACBM prior to abatement, this work shall be closely coordinated by the Construction Coordinator with the Construction Manager / general contractor/subcontractor and the abatement

contractor. The contractor's/subcontractor's scope of work shall be limited to only the removal of non-ACBM required to expose the ACBM for proper abatement by the abatement contractor.

- E. ACBM will only be removed by qualified asbestos abatement contractors in accordance with all applicable local, state, EPA, and OSHA regulations and or guidelines (Federal Regulation CFR 1910.1001 and 29 CFR 1926.58).
- F. The over site and air monitoring during asbestos abatement operations will be performed in accordance with local, state, EPA and OSHA regulations and guidelines by a qualified third party asbestos air monitoring firm. Upon completion of the abatement activities the air monitoring firm will submit a report of the final air clearance testing to the Space and Facilities Planning construction coordinator, for project documentation and record keeping.
- G. **No known or suspect ACBM will be disturbed or removed by any general contractors or subcontractors. If, during the course of construction, the contractor encounters any material suspected to contain asbestos the contractor shall stop all work that might disturb the suspect ACBM. The contractor shall notify the S&FP Construction Coordinator immediately. In turn, the Construction Coordinator will request the asbestos consultant to test the suspect material for the presence of asbestos.** If the test results indicate the presence of asbestos the Construction Coordinator will authorize the asbestos abatement contractor to remove the ACBM.
- H. **If it is determined that a suspect ACBM has accidentally been disturbed during the course of construction the general contractor must stop all work immediately in the general area and evacuate all persons from that area. The general contractor must immediately notify the S&FP Construction Coordinator.** The Construction Coordinator will authorize the third party asbestos consultant to take all appropriate actions necessary to determine if an ACBM was disturbed and to perform any abatement, clean up operations, and air monitoring necessary to establish clearance to allow personnel to return to work within the construction area (see Section I. E.).