

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM DRAFT ASBESTOS STANDARD

Comment #1

1. Excellent job on the standard, it will be nice to have one common place to send contractors for asbestos awareness training.
2. Include where at the plants, documentation can be found for the identification of asbestos, prior to going into the field. At TransAlta, Asbestos is managed in a database, and each line is identified with a label, corresponding to an entry in the database. This is both electronic and paper copy in control rooms.
3. In the Duties of owner, contractor, worker section it is very important to add a section for workers to let them know that it is critical to stop work, in the event asbestos "may" have been found and workers have been exposed. Include plant contact numbers for key individuals to be contacted.
4. Instead of using power points for showing samples of asbestos, use actual asbestos samples. I'm sure you could round some up from a local test facility. The guys will stay more interested with hands on samples.
5. Ensure workers understand the plant protocols for being exposed to Asbestos, in the event asbestos is broken into, and workers are exposed.
6. If you don't know if it is Asbestos or not, assume the worst case!!!! and notify the owner!
7. Include a section on disposal of asbestos, who does it?
 - where does it go?
 - requirements for shipping waste??
 - discuss containers,
 - labeling etc...
8. Include a section for notifying the MOL for type 2 and 3 work by way of a notice of project - "Ministry reporting"
9. Discovery of Asbestos not identified on an existing site survey - ensure that the worker knows who to contact.

Excellent job, these are the only items I could think of, I look forward to sitting in on the training.

Comment #2

Very well put together. The only question I have is in the Target Audience section. Under "who would take this training" ?, You have indicated –*Contractors needing an IEC Safety Training Badge or anyone with the potential to be exposed.*

Does this mean that anyone requiring IEC Basic safety training will have this Asbestos training as part of the training even if there is no potential of exposure?