

**WAC 296-65-003 Definitions.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this standard.

**Affidavit.** A declaration in writing made under oath before a person authorized to administer oaths, especially for use as evidence in court.

**Approved.** Approved by the department.

**Asbestos.** Includes chrysotile, amosite, crocidolite, tremolite asbestos, anthophyllite asbestos, and actinolite asbestos, and any of these minerals that have been chemically treated and/or altered.

**Asbestos abatement project.** An asbestos project involving three square feet or three linear feet, or more, of asbestos containing material.

**Asbestos-containing material (ACM).** Any material containing more than one percent asbestos.

**Asbestos fiber.** A particulate form of asbestos, five micrometers or longer, with a length-to-diameter ratio of at least three to one.

**Asbestos project.** Any activity that releases or is likely to release asbestos fibers into the air, includes:

- Construction, demolition, repair, remodeling, maintenance or renovation of any public or private building or structure, mechanical piping equipment or system;
- Demolition, removal, encapsulation, salvage, or disposal of material; or
- Outdoor activities.

Note: Refer to WAC 296-62-07722(3) for clarification of asbestos projects activities to determine if this rule applies to you.

**Certificate.** A certificate issued by the department to a person who has completed the training for asbestos accreditation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Title II. The certificate must include:

- Name of person awarded the certificate;
- Certificate number;
- Discipline for which certification was conferred;
- Expiration date; and
- A statement that the person receiving the certificate has completed the training.

**Certified asbestos contractor.** Any partnership, firm, association, corporation or sole proprietorship, registered under chapter 18.27 RCW, that is certified by the department to remove or encapsulate asbestos and submits a bid, or contracts to remove or encapsulate asbestos for another and is certified by the department to remove or encapsulate asbestos.

**Certified asbestos supervisor.** An individual who is certified by the department under WAC 296-65-012.

**Certified asbestos worker.** An individual certified by the department under WAC 296-65-010.

**Demolition.** Dismantling, razing, destroying, or wrecking any building or structure or any part thereof, including any related handling operations.

**Department.** The department of labor and industries.

**Director.** The director of the department of labor and industries or the director's designee.

**Emergency project.** A project that was not planned due to a sudden, unexpected event. An emergency project does not include operations that are necessitated by failures of equipment or systems due to normal wear and tear.

**Encapsulation.** The application of an encapsulant to asbestos containing materials to control the release of asbestos fibers into the air. The encapsulation process either creates a membrane over the surface (bridging encapsulant) or penetrates the material and binds its components together (penetrating encapsulant).

**EPA MAP.** The environmental protection agency model accreditation plan for asbestos requirements in 40 C.F.R. Part 763.

**HEPA filtration.** High-efficiency particulate air filtration found in respirators and vacuum systems capable of filtering 0.3 micron particles with 99.97% efficiency.

**Intact.** That the asbestos containing material has not crumbled, been pulverized, or otherwise deteriorated so that it is no longer likely to be bound with its matrix.

**NESHAP.** The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants.

**Owner.** The person who owns any public or private building, structure, facility, or mechanical system, or the remnants thereof, or the agent of such person, but does not include individuals who work on asbestos projects in their own single-family residences, no part of which is used for commercial purposes.

**Person.** Any individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation, sole proprietorship, or the state of Washington or its political subdivisions.

**Revocation.** A permanent withdrawal of a certification issued by the department.

**Suspension.** A temporary withdrawal of a certification issued by the department. No suspension must be less than six months or longer than one year.

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