

ASBESTOS PROJECT WORKER

Code No.: 4-18-310

NON-COMPETITIVE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is critical maintenance work involving the removal and disposal of asbestos-containing materials found within public buildings, offices and school structures. The employee must perform work according to the specific standards outlined for the removal and disposal of asbestos. The employee must successfully complete the New York State and Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) certified training program. This training provides the knowledge and methods used in site preparation, respiratory protection, health effects, removal procedures, clean-up and disposal techniques. The employee is assigned to an asbestos removal team. The employee's assignments are delegated by a higher ranking employee. Work is inspected during progress and upon completion. Instructions are specific and do not require independent action. Supervision is not a responsibility of this class.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (All need not be performed in a given position. Other related activities may be performed although not listed.)

Vacuums and washes down walls and floors with a mop, bucket, and water hose;

Designs and constructs all enclosures and decontamination chambers;

Frames work site with wood strips; tacks and tapes plastic sheeting to framing strips, using four layers on critical barriers such as windows, doors, vents, and heating ducts;

Dresses in protective clothing and checks to insure it is in proper condition;

Deposits waste in polyethylene bags for disposal, and scrubs building surfaces with sponges to insure the environment is free of asbestos fibers;

Operates personal air monitoring pumps and high volume area air monitoring pumps;

Installs and utilizes glove bags in proper manner; sets up ladders and scaffolding to remove materials from high walls or ceilings;

Completes daily work activity logs and submits weekly; follows all other documentation activities as outlined in the asbestos management plan;

Attends training programs and refresher courses as legally mandated to keep up-to-date on current laws and regulations governing asbestos removal.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions used in asbestos removal; good knowledge of the practices, tools and terminology of the asbestos and insulation trade; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to successfully complete a formalized course of instruction in asbestos removal and apply the training on the job; ability to develop skill in the use and care of the tools, materials, and

equipment used in asbestos removal; ability to work cooperatively with staff; ability to complete simple records and activity logs; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma, plus two (2) years paid full-time or its part-time equivalent experience in asbestos removal which shall have included pre-check, enclosure set-up, removal, and tear down, and running a personal air monitoring pump.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of a current New York State Asbestos Handling Certificate obtained by passing an E.P.A. approved course at time of hire.

Candidates must attend training programs and training courses and pass all exams as legally mandated to maintain New York State Asbestos Handlers Certification.

Possession of a New York State Class *5* Driver's License at time of appointment.

Candidates must pass a medical surveillance and/or other related exams as required by OSHA annually.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Depending on position duties, candidates for employment with Monroe County Government will be required to pass a pre-employment drug test.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOCES

Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

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