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TO: Asbestos Consultants, Asbestos Abatement Contractors, Asbestos Training Providers, Asbestos Analytical Laboratories, and Local Directors of Health

FROM: Lori J. Mathieu, Branch Chief, Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

Handwritten signature of Lori J. Mathieu, dated '21.

DATE: September 20, 2021

SUBJECT: RCSA ACM Definition Change

This correspondence serves to notify the asbestos industry that there has been a definition change in the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) regarding asbestos containing material (ACM).

Currently, the definition states that material is considered ACM if it contains more than 1 percent of asbestos by weight, either alone or mixed with other fibrous or nonfibrous material which led to inconsistencies in the application of this definition. The change in definition was proposed in Public Act 21-121 in the 2021 Legislative Session under Section 64. Governor Lamont signed the bill on July 6, 2021.

Effective October 1, 2021, the definition of ACM will be revised to clarify that material is considered ACM if it contains asbestos in amounts equal to or more than 1.0 percent by weight, either alone or mixed with other fibrous or nonfibrous material.

The following statutes/regulations will be revised to include the new ACM definition: 19a-332a-1(h), *Standards for Asbestos Abatement definition*, 19a-332e-1, *Penalties*, 19a-333-1 (g), *Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools* definition, and 20-440-1 (7) *Licensure and Training for Persons Engaged in Asbestos Abatement and Consultation Services*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Asbestos Program at (860) 509-7367.

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