



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Memorandum

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DEH Circular Letter 2004-8

To: All Connecticut Approved Asbestos Laboratories

From: Jeffrey C. Curran, Supervising Environmental Laboratory Consultant

Re: Certification Changes for 2005

The requirements for laboratories certified to analyze post abatement/reoccupancy samples and air samples analyzed to determine completion of response actions are being updated to reflect changes made to the National Institute of Standards (NIST) asbestos accreditation program. Such air sampling is required pursuant to Section 19a-332a-12 and Section 19a-333-7, respectively of the Public Health Code. As of January 1, 2005 laboratories must meet the following criteria to be approved (certified) to analyze these air samples in the State of Connecticut:

Laboratories shall be accredited by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) to conduct asbestos determination in air analysis using transmission electron microscopy (TEM) or; laboratories shall be accredited by the American Industrial Hygiene Association, or other certifying agency acceptable to the Department of Public Health, for asbestos determination in air by optical microscopy or electron microscopy; or individuals shall be listed in the American Industrial Hygiene Association's Asbestos Analyst's Registry (AAR). Any analyst who performs asbestos determinations in the field, (e.g. not in a fixed laboratory); for post abatement/reoccupancy criteria shall be listed in the AAR.

Laboratories not currently meeting the above criteria will be granted provisional approval to perform the analysis of these samples until December 31, 2004. Any laboratory not satisfying the above criteria after this date will have their approval to perform such tests revoked. Laboratories that continue to perform the analysis of such samples without Department of Public Health approval may be subject to appropriate penalty provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and Public Health Code.

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