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## COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

### ADOPTION OF NEW RULE 1206 – ASBESTOS REMOVAL, RENOVATION, AND DEMOLITION

On November 15, 2017, the Air Pollution Control Board adopted Rule 1206 – Asbestos Removal, Renovation, and Demolition, which is effective immediately and can be viewed on the Air Pollution Control District (District) website at:

[http://www.sdapcd.org/content/dam/sdc/apcd/PDF/Rules\\_and\\_Regulations/Toxic\\_Air\\_Cotaminants/APCD\\_R1206.pdf](http://www.sdapcd.org/content/dam/sdc/apcd/PDF/Rules_and_Regulations/Toxic_Air_Cotaminants/APCD_R1206.pdf).

The Board also repealed existing District asbestos Rules 361.140 – 361.156.

Asbestos, a known carcinogen, is also federally regulated through the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), which requires the identification and removal of asbestos-containing materials under controlled conditions prior to demolition or renovation activities so that asbestos fibers are not released into the air. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has delegated the authority to enforce the NESHAP to the District.

The repealed asbestos rules were adopted by the District in 1995 and had become outdated. As such, the District developed new Rule 1206 to incorporate all federal updates, enhance rule clarity, and increase public health protection. In addition to existing requirements, new Rule 1206 more specifically:

- Lowers the rule applicability threshold of asbestos to be removed, stripped, or disturbed at a facility from 160 square feet to 100 square feet.
- Requires asbestos containing and covered pipes to be measured in square feet instead of linear feet.
- Clarifies survey, asbestos abatement, and waste disposal requirements.
- Clarifies the specific timing requirements of notifications submitted to the District.
- Provides updated and clarified definitions of terminology used in the rule.
- Specifies test methods used to identify the presence of asbestos.

If you have any questions or would like to request training, please contact Matthew Allison, District Asbestos Program Coordinator, at (858) 586-2678 or [matthew.allison@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:matthew.allison@sdcounty.ca.gov).