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Fast-Track Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of General Services
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	1 VAC 30-30
VAC Chapter title(s)	Survey Standards for the Inspection of Child Care Centers for the Presence of Asbestos
Action title	Repeal of Chapter 1 VAC 30-30
Date this document prepared	September 17, 2024

This information is required for executive branch review and the Virginia Registrar of Regulations, pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19, the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code.*

Brief Summary

Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The Department of General Services is repealing this chapter as the standards are addressed in the state building code that is overseen by DHCD and the DGS Construction and Procurement Services Manual (CPSM). The CPSM is published under the authority of §2.2-1132, Code of Virginia.

Acronyms and Definitions

Define all acronyms used in this form, and any technical terms that are not also defined in the "Definitions" section of the regulation.

DGS means the Department of General Services DHCD means the Department of Housing and Community Development CPSM – DGS' Construction and Procurement Services Manual

Statement of Final Agency Action

Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.

DGS will repeal the regulation: Survey Standards for the Inspection of Hospitals for the Presence of Asbestos on September 17, 2024.

Mandate and Impetus

Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined in the ORM procedures, "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."

Consistent with Virginia Code § 2.2-4012.1, also explain why this rulemaking is expected to be noncontroversial and therefore appropriate for the fast-track rulemaking process.

This chapter was exempt from the Administrative Process Act when it was promulgated. As stated in the summary, this standard has been addressed by DHCD and CPSM.

DGS believes this action will be non-controversial as the standards are addressed by DHCD and CPSM.

Legal Basis

Identify (1) the promulgating agency, and (2) the state and/or federal legal authority for the regulatory change, including the most relevant citations to the Code of Virginia and Acts of Assembly chapter number(s), if applicable. Your citation must include a specific provision, if any, authorizing the promulgating agency to regulate this specific subject or program, as well as a reference to the agency's overall regulatory authority.

DGS is the promulgating agency. The Code of Virginia §2.2-1102 A. 1 is the state legal authority for promulgating(repealing) this regulation.

Purpose

Explain the need for the regulatory change, including a description of: (1) the rationale or justification, (2) the specific reasons the regulatory change is essential to protect the health, safety or welfare of citizens, and (3) the goals of the regulatory change and the problems it is intended to solve.

DGS seeks to repeal the regulation that is addressed by DHCD and the CPSM.

Substance

Briefly identify and explain the new substantive provisions, the substantive changes to existing sections, or both. A more detailed discussion is provided in the "Detail of Changes" section below.

No substantive provisions or changes exist.

Issues

Identify the issues associated with the regulatory change, including: 1) the primary advantages and disadvantages to the public, such as individual private citizens or businesses, of implementing the new or amended provisions; 2) the primary advantages and disadvantages to the agency or the Commonwealth; and 3) other pertinent matters of interest to the regulated community, government officials, and the public. If there are no disadvantages to the public or the Commonwealth, include a specific statement to that effect.

No issues are expected for the public or businesses with the repealing of this regulation. The primary advantage for the Commonwealth is a reduction in regulatory requirements that are no longer needed.

Requirements More Restrictive than Federal

Identify and describe any requirement of the regulatory change which is more restrictive than applicable federal requirements. Include a specific citation for each applicable federal requirement, and a rationale for the need for the more restrictive requirements. If there are no applicable federal requirements, or no requirements that exceed applicable federal requirements, include a specific statement to that effect.

None

Agencies, Localities, and Other Entities Particularly Affected

Consistent with § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia, identify any other state agencies, localities, or other entities particularly affected by the regulatory change. Other entities could include local partners such as tribal governments, school boards, community services boards, and similar regional organizations. "Particularly affected" are those that are likely to bear any identified disproportionate material impact which would not be experienced by other agencies, localities, or entities. "Locality" can refer to either local governments or the locations in the Commonwealth where the activities relevant to the regulation or regulatory change are most likely to occur. If no agency, locality, or entity is particularly affected, include a specific statement to that effect.

Other State Agencies Particularly Affected

None

Localities Particularly Affected

None

Other Entities Particularly Affected

None

Economic Impact

Consistent with § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia, identify all specific economic impacts (costs and/or benefits), anticipated to result from the regulatory change. When describing a particular economic impact,

specify which new requirement or change in requirement creates the anticipated economic impact. Keep in mind that this is the proposed change versus the status quo.

Impact on State Agencies

For your agency: projected costs, savings, fees or	N/A
revenues resulting from the regulatory change,	
including:	
a) fund source / fund detail;	
b) delineation of one-time versus on-going	
expenditures; and	
c) whether any costs or revenue loss can be	
absorbed within existing resources	
For other state agencies: projected costs,	N/A
savings, fees or revenues resulting from the	
regulatory change, including a delineation of one-	
time versus on-going expenditures.	
For all agencies: Benefits the regulatory change	N/A
is designed to produce.	

Impact on Localities

If this analysis has been reported on the ORM Economic Impact form, indicate the tables (1a or 2) on which it was reported. Information provided on that form need not be repeated here.

Projected costs, savings, fees or revenues resulting from the regulatory change.	N/A
Benefits the regulatory change is designed to	N/A
produce.	

Impact on Other Entities

If this analysis has been reported on the ORM Economic Impact form, indicate the tables (1a, 3, or 4) on which it was reported. Information provided on that form need not be repeated here.

Description of the individuals, businesses, or other entities likely to be affected by the regulatory change. If no other entities will be affected, include a specific statement to that effect.	No entities affected by the repealing of this chapter.
Agency's best estimate of the number of such entities that will be affected. Include an estimate of the number of small businesses affected. Small business means a business entity, including its affiliates, that: a) is independently owned and operated and; b) employs fewer than 500 full-time employees or has gross annual sales of less than \$6 million.	No small business are affected by the repealing of this chapter.
All projected costs for affected individuals, businesses, or other entities resulting from the regulatory change. Be specific and include all costs including, but not limited to:	No costs are involved

 a) projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance by small businesses; b) specify any costs related to the development of real estate for commercial or residential purposes that are a consequence of the regulatory change; c) fees; d) purchases of equipment or services; and e) time required to comply with the requirements. 	
Benefits the regulatory change is designed to produce.	Less regulatory requirements.

Alternatives to Regulation

Describe any viable alternatives to the regulatory change that were considered, and the rationale used by the agency to select the least burdensome or intrusive alternative that meets the essential purpose of the regulatory change. Also, include discussion of less intrusive or less costly alternatives for small businesses, as defined in § 2.2-4007.1 of the Code of Virginia, of achieving the purpose of the regulatory change.

No alternatives considered or necessary.

If this analysis has been reported on the ORM Economic Impact form, indicate the tables on which it was reported. Information provided on that form need not be repeated here.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Consistent with § 2.2-4007.1 B of the Code of Virginia, describe the agency's analysis of alternative regulatory methods, consistent with health, safety, environmental, and economic welfare, that will accomplish the objectives of applicable law while minimizing the adverse impact on small business. Alternative regulatory methods include, at a minimum: 1) establishing less stringent compliance or reporting requirements; 2) establishing less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements; 3) consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements; 4) establishing performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards requirements contained in the regulatory change.

N/A

If this analysis has been reported on the ORM Economic Impact form, indicate the tables on which it was reported. Information provided on that form need not be repeated here.

Public Participation

Indicate how the public should contact the agency to submit comments on this regulation, and whether a public hearing will be held, by completing the text below.

Consistent with § 2.2-4011 of the Code of Virginia, if an objection to the use of the fast-track process is received within the 30-day public comment period from 10 or more persons, any member of the applicable standing committee of either house of the General Assembly or of the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, the agency shall: 1) file notice of the objections with the Registrar of Regulations for publication in the Virginia Register and 2) proceed with the normal promulgation process with the initial publication of the fast-track regulation serving as the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action.

If you are objecting to the use of the fast-track process as the means of promulgating this regulation, please clearly indicate your objection in your comment. Please also indicate the nature of, and reason for, your objection to using this process.

The Department of General Services is providing an opportunity for comments on this regulatory proposal, including but not limited to (i) the costs and benefits of the regulatory proposal and any alternative approaches, (ii) the potential impacts of the regulation, and (iii) the agency's regulatory flexibility analysis stated in this background document.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments for the public comment file may do so through the Public Comment Forums feature of the Virginia Regulatory TownHall web site at: <u>https://townhall.virginia.gov</u>. Comments may also be submitted by mail, email or fax to Sandra Gill, DGS Deputy Director at <u>sandra.gill@dgs.virginia.gov</u>. In order to be considered, comments must be received by 11:59 pm on the last day of the public comment period.

Detail of Changes

List all regulatory changes and the consequences of the changes. Explain the new requirements and what they mean rather than merely quoting the text of the regulation. For example, describe the intent of the language and the expected impact. Describe the difference between existing requirement(s) and/or agency practice(s) and what is being proposed in this regulatory change. Use all tables that apply but delete inapplicable tables.

If an <u>existing</u> VAC Chapter(s) is being amended or repealed, use Table 1 to describe the changes between existing VAC Chapter(s) and the proposed regulation. If existing VAC Chapter(s) or sections are being repealed <u>and replaced</u>, ensure Table 1 clearly shows both the current number and the new number for each repealed section and the replacement section.

Current chapter- section number	New chapter- section number, if applicable	Current requirements in VAC	Change, intent, rationale, and likely impact of new requirements
1VAC30- 30-10 Definitions		The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: "Abatement contractor" means a company or individual properly licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia who routinely conducts asbestos abatement activities such as, but not limited to removal, encapsulation or enclosure of asbestos containing materials in buildings.	Repeal

Table 1: Changes to Existing VAC Chapter(s)

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	"Asbestos" means any	
	material containing more	
	than one percent of the	
	asbestiform varieties of:	
	1. chrysotile (serpentine);	
	2. crocidolite (riebeckite);	
	3. amosite	
	(cummingtonite-	
	grunerite);	
	4. anthophyllite;	
	5. tremolite; or	
	6. actinolite.	
	"Building manager" means	
	the contact person	
	representing the owning	
	entity at each facility.	
	"Commissioner" means the	
	Commissioner of the	
	Department of Social	
	Services.	
	"Competent personnel"	
	means personnel who are	
	qualified by education or	
	experience to determine the	
	presence of asbestos and to	
	assess its hazard, or to	
	abate any such hazard by	
	proper encapsulation,	
	enclosure, removal, repair or	
	operations and maintenance	
	of the asbestos containing	
	material and who are	
	licensed by the Virginia	
	Department of Professional	
	and Occupational	
	Regulation pursuant to the	
	requirements of Chapter 5	
	(§ 54.1-500 et seq.) of Title	
	54.1 of the Code of Virginia.	
	In addition, asbestos	
	inspectors must meet the	
	minimum competency	
	requirements specified	
	in 1VAC30-30-40 C of this	
	chapter.	
	"Director" means the	
	Director of the Division of	
	Licensing Programs,	
	Department of Social	
	Services.	
	"Encapsulation" means the	
	treatment of asbestos-	
	containing materials with a	
	material that surrounds or	
	embeds asbestos fibers in	
	an adhesive matrix to	

prevent the release of fibers,	
as the encapsulant creates	
a membrane over the	
surface (bridging	
encapsulant) or penetrates	
the material and binds its	
components together	
(penetrating encapsulant).	
"Enclosure" means the	
construction or installation	
over or about the asbestos-	
containing material of any	
solid or flexible coverings,	
which will not deteriorate or	
decompose for an extended	
period of time, so as to	
conceal the material, contain	
all asbestos fibers and	
render the asbestos-	
containing material	
inaccessible.	
"Facility" means any building	
built prior to 1978 in which a	
child-care center is located.	
"Friable" means that	
material which is capable of	
being crumbled, pulverized,	
or reduced to powder by	
hand pressure or which	
under normal use or	
maintenance emits or can	
be expected to emit	
asbestos fibers into the air.	
"Homogenous material"	
means any material that	
appears similar in terms of	
color, texture, pattern, date	
of material application and	
functional use.	
"Inspector" means the	
individual who physically	
inspects each building for	
materials that may contain	
asbestos, who is properly	
licensed to conduct building	
inspections for asbestos by	
the Virginia Department of	
Professional and	
Occupational Regulation	
pursuant to the	
requirements of Chapter 5	
(§ 54.1-500 et seq.) of Title	
54.1 of the Code of Virginia	
and who meet the additional	
requirements specified	
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	in <u>1VAC30-30-40</u> C of this	
	chapter.	
	"Management planner"	
	means the individual who	
	develops the plan to	
	manage any identified or	
	suspect asbestos containing	
	materials in the facility, who	
	is properly licensed by the	
	Virginia Department of	
	Professional and	
	Occupational Regulation as	
	an Asbestos Management	
	Planner pursuant to the	
	requirements of Chapter 5	
	(§ <u>54.1-500</u> et seq.) of Title	
	54.1 of the Code of Virginia.	
	"Notification" means the	
	procedure used to inform	
	building occupants and	
	visitors of the location,	
	description and condition of	
	all asbestos containing	
	materials identified or	
	suspected in the facility and	
	of the existence and location	
	of a plan to manage the	
	material.	
	"Removal" means the	
	physical removal of	
	asbestos-containing material	
	from a building and disposal	
	thereof in accordance with	
	all applicable regulations.	
	"Repair" means the cause	
	friable asbestos-containing	
	material to be changed or	
	modified to a condition	
	where it is not friable.	
	"Response actions" means	
	any action, including	
	removal, encapsulation	
	enclosure, repair, method of	
	operation, maintenance,	
	record keeping or	
	notification that protects	
	human health from building	
	materials containing	
	asbestos.	
	"Significant hazard area"	
	means any area where the	
	asbestos containing material	
	is highly friable, where more	
	than 10% of the material is	
	exposed, where the damage	
	is widespread and the area	

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	is accessible to occupants	
	including by any air handling	
	system.	
	"Team leader" means the	
	individual who is properly	
	licensed as an asbestos	
	inspector and management	
	planner pursuant to the	
	requirements of Chapter 5	
	(§ 54.1-500 et seq.) of Title	
	54.1 of the Code of Virginia	
	and who meet the minimum	
	requirements specified	
	in <u>1VAC30-30-40</u> C of this	
	chapter.	
	"Varying visible appearance"	
	means any visible difference	
	in size, color, texture,	
	degree of hardness, etc.,	
	which may indicate differing	
	material. This term is	
	synonymous with "visually	
	distinct material."	
	Statutory Authority	
	§§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14	
	of the Code of Virginia.	
	Historical Notes	
	Derived from VR330-01-03	
	§ 1, eff. January 20, 1989.	
iVAC30-30-	There has been a growing	Repeal
20	public awareness of the link	
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	§§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14	
	of the Code of Virginia.	
	Historical Notes	
	Derived from VR330-01-03	
	§ 2, eff. January 20, 1989.	
1VAC30-30	The primary purpose of	Repeal
Purpose	these standards is to	
	establish the minimum	
	requirements, relevant to the	
	inspection of each facility for	
	asbestos, the evaluation of	
	the risk to human health,	
	and the development of a	
	specific schedule and plan	
	to abate that risk before July	
	1, 1989.	
	Statutory Authority	
	§§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14	
	of the Code of Virginia.	
	Historical Notes	
	Derived from VR330-01-03	
1VAC30-	§ 3, eff. January 20, 1989. A. All child-care centers	Repeal
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30-40	shall be evaluated and a	
Scope	plan developed in	
	accordance with the	
	provisions of these	
	standards before July 1,	
	1989.	
	B. Any building completed	
	after January 1, 1978, is	
	exempt from the	
	requirements of these	
	standards.	
	C. Individuals conducting	
	inspections of buildings for	
	asbestos containing	
	materials shall meet the	
	following minimum	
	requirements:	
	1. They shall have a valid	
	Asbestos Inspector's	
	License and Asbestos	
	Management Planner's	
	License issued by the	
	Virginia Department of	
	Professional and	
	Occupational Regulation	
	pursuant to the requirement	
	of Chapter 5 (§ <u>54.1-500</u> et.	
	seq.) of Title 54.1 of the	
	Code of Virginia, and have:	
	2. Either successfully	
	completed a minimum of two	
	weeks of intensive field	

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		training under the direction of a Team Leader or; 3. Have a minimum of two years experience in conducting field assessment surveys for asbestos containing materials in buildings. D. Individuals filling positions of Team Leader shall meet the following minimum requirements: 1. Possess, at a minimum, a college degree (A.S. or B.S.) in a physical science or related scientific field (e.g. biology, environmental science, engineering, geology, etc.); 2. Have a minimum of three years experience in conducting field assessment surveys for asbestos containing materials in buildings; and 3. Have a valid Asbestos Inspector's License and Management Planner's License issued by the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupatinal Regulation pursuant to Chapter 5 (§ <u>54.1-500</u> et seq.) of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia. Statutory Authority §§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14 of the Code of Virginia. Historical Notes Derived from VR330-01-03 § 4, eff. January 20, 1989.	
1VAC30- 30-50 Preliminary Assessment		An initial assessment shall be made to determine which, if any, buildings were completed prior to January 1, 1978. Any disagreement shall be resolved by the Commissioner. All child-care centers must be evaluated before July 1, 1989, by competent personnel as defined herein unless they are deemed exempt by the Commissioner pursuant	Repeal

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	to <u>1VAC30-30-</u> 40 of this	
	chapter.	
	Statutory Authority	
	§§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14	
	of the Code of Virginia.	
	Historical Notes	
	Derived from VR330-01-03	
	§ 5, eff. January 20, 1989.	
1VAC30-	A review should be made of	Papaal
		Repeal
30-60	all appropriate building	
Document	construction documents	
review and	(i.e., floor plans, blueprints,	
on-site	microfilm record, previous	
survey	inspection records, asbestos	
	abatement projects, etc.) to	
	facilitate the identification of	
	areas where asbestos may	
	be present if available. A	
	basic sketch of the	
	representative floor plan	
	showing any major detail	
	must be prepared to identify	
	bulk sample locations and	
	general asbestos material	
	location	
	Any on-site inspections must	
	be conducted by competent	
	personnel who have the	
	training to identify the	
	presence of asbestos, and	
	to assess, to the extent	
	practicable, the relative	
	hazard or hazards to health	
	and safety posed at each	
	location at which asbestos is	
	suspected or identified.	
	Each on-site survey shall	
	include at least the following	
	and be documented in a	
	report to the owners.	
	1. Visual inspection. All	
	accessible building areas	
	and spaces shall be visually	
	inspected, including but not	
	limited to the following:	
	a. Rooms, hallways, and	
	office;	
	b. Mechanical and electrical	
	equipment room;	
	c. Pipe chase;	
	d. Basement;	
	e. Attic;	
	f. Spaces above ceilings,	
	between walls, and below	
	floor;	
	g. Steam tunnel;	

h. Stairwell;	
i. Closets and storage area;	
j. All occupied and	
unoccupied space; and	
k. Crawl spaces, including	
soil as appropriate.	
In addition, the location of all	
fire doors suspected of	
containing asbestos shall be	
identified and documented.	
These locations are to be	
designated on the building	
sketches and included in the	
inspection report.	
Areas where access is	
impossible or prohibitive	
should be identified on the	
building sketches. In the	
plan a notation must be	
made as to why the areas	
could not be investigated. All	
materials in these areas are	
to be considered to contain	
asbestos and must be	
included in the plan. The	
area must be evaluated	
according to the	
requirements of these	
standards when the area	
becomes accessible but	
before occupation.	
2. Bulk sampling.	
Representative bulk	
sampling of suspected	
asbestos-containing	
materials shall be conducted	
and submitted to a	
laboratory meeting the	
minimum requirements	
found in <u>1VAC30-30-70</u> of	
this chapter.	
All sample areas shall be	
clearly marked and a	
permanent identification	
number corresponding to	
the respective samples and	
shall be identified on copies	
of the available construction	
drawings or the building	
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sketches prepared by the	
inspector.	
a. Representative samples	
of each distinct type of	
friable asbestos material as	
defined herein shall be	
collected to confirm its	

asbestos content unless it is	
assumed to contain	
asbestos. Distinction	
between types of material	
shall be based on at least	
the following criteria:	
(1) Visual appearance and	
size;	
(2) Texture and hardness;	
(3) Functional use, including	
but not limited to insulation,	
ceilings, walls, boilers,	
tanks, furnace, other	
mechanical equipment,	
ceiling pipes, pipe wrapping,	
elbow material, valve	
material, structural	
members, decks, beams,	
duct materials, fire doors	
and stage curtains; and	
(4) Information provided by	
documents, interviews, or	
any source as to prior	
renovation or patchwork.	
b. The minimum number of	
samples to be taken for	
each distinct type of	
suspected asbestos material	
shall be as follows:	
(1) Sprayed or troweled	
material. Three random	
samples for each visually or	
functionally different material	
or known different	
application for up to 1,000	
sq. ft., five random samples	
from 1,000 to 5,000 sq. ft.,	
seven random samples from	
5,000 to 10,000 sq. ft., and	
for every 5,000 sq. ft. over	
10,000 sq. ft. one additional	
random sample shall be	
taken. This rule applies to	
homogeneous material on	
each floor only;	
(2) Pipe and duct insulation.	
A minimum of one sample	
for every 150 linear feet of	
material of varying size or	
visual appearance per floor.	
Samples shall be taken	
where material is damaged	
or exposed where possible,	
to avoid breaching intact	
covering;	

	(3) Valve or fitting muds.	
	Three samples of valve	
	material or elbow mud for	
	each insulated line of	
	varying diameter or visual	
	appearance per floor or	
	area;	
	(4) Boilers, tanks, and	
	furnaces. Three samples per	
	unit if homogeneous;	
	(5) Patchwork. One sample	
	of each patch or repair;	
	(6) Ceiling or acoustical tile.	
	Three samples for each	
	material of varying visible	
	appearance per floor;	
	(7) Other friable materials.	
	As determined as necessary	
	by the inspector, but at least	
	two samples per	
	homogenous material per	
	floor.	
	(8) If the friable materials is	
	not sampled but assumed to	
	contain asbestos, then the	
	inspector must complete the	
	hazard assessment using	
	100% asbestos as the	
	asbestos content value.	
	(9) If the suspected	
	asbestos containing material	
	is not friable as defined	
	herein, a sample need not	
	be taken. The location, type,	
	and condition of the material	
	shall be noted on the	
	building layout documents or	
	sketches provided by the	
	inspector. The material shall	
	be labeled according to the	
	requirements of <u>1VAC30-30-</u>	
	100 for suspect material.	
	These materials must be	
	included in the specified	
	schedule and plan and must	
	be included in the Priority	
	Level IV Response Action	
	category.	
	c. Selection of sample	
	location:(1) For sprayed on	
	or troweled on material, the	
	EPA guidelines located on	
	pages 15-27 in "Asbestos -	
	Containing Materials in	
	School Buildings - Guidance	
	for Analytical Programs"	

shall be followed.(2) For	
other types of uses, visually	
distinct materials will be	
sampled.d. Bulk sample	
size:(1) Samples shall be	
taken to penetrate all layers	
of the material. Samples	
should contain at least 15	
cubic centimeters of	
material, and shall be placed	
in a container and sealed at	
the time of collection.	
e. Sampling precautions:	
All precautions shall be	
taken to prevent exposure to	
those present in or around	
the facility during the	
collection of samples. The	
survey team is responsible	
for protecting occupants of	
the area and for patching	
the sampling area.	
(1) All sampling shall be	
conducted when building	
occupants are not in the	
immediate area, and	
preference shall be given to	
time when the areas being	
sampled are not in use.	
When it is not possible to	
collect samples during a	
time when the facility is not	
being used, advance	
arrangements shall be made	
to evacuate the immediate	
sampling areas for the time	
necessary to collect the	
samples. The building	
manager is responsible for	
insuring that evacuation	
takes place.	
(2) Proper procedures and	
equipment shall be used	
during sampling to minimize fiber generation.	
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(3) Area protection and cleanup. Care should be	
taken to minimize fiber	
release; however, any	
visible debris or residue	
generated during the	
sampling shall be thoroughly	
removed by wet wiping the	
debris or HEPA vacuuming.	
An area at least four feet in	
each direction shall also be	
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	cleaned using the above methods.	
1VAC30- 30-70 Bulk sample analysis	 (4) Locations from which samples are taken shall be patched as soon as the sampling has been completed by using methods and materials which are acceptable to the Project Manager and which are both structurally sound and aesthetically compatible. Each such location may be treated by low pressure application of an approved encapsulation. (5) When samples are taken in areas where the material is in poor condition, care must be taken to prevent further deterioration or fiber release. (6) The sample location will be adequately patched to prevent fiber release or deterioration by the inspector unless otherwise noted by the Building Manager in writing. Statutory Authority §§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14 of the Code of Virginia. Historical Notes Derived from VR330-01-03 § 6, eff. January 20, 1989. 1. Samples shall be analyzed by polarizing light microscopy using the EPA Interim Method for the Determination of Asbestos in Bulk Insulation Samples (EPA-600/M4-82-020). 2. The inspector shall submit bulk samples for analysis to a laboratory that successfully participates in the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NITS) Quality Assurance Program, and have certification or 	Repeal
	Assurance Program, and	

	3. Sample submissions: A. Laboratory analyst: Each analyst must have successfully completed a course in basic asbestos analysis, similar to that offered by Walter C. McCrone Associates of Chicago, Illinois. In addition, each analyst must have six months of on-the-job training with an analyst found acceptable through the NITS Quality Assurance Program/National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP), or an approved equivalent. Statutory Authority §§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14	
1VAC30- 30-80 Relative	of the Code of Virginia. Historical Notes Derived from VR330-01-03 § 7, eff. January 20, 1989. Each location where the presence of asbestos is suspected or identified shall	Repeal
exposure potential assessment	suspected or identified shall be evaluated using the algorithm found in Appendix A. The Building Manager will be notified immediately by the inspector if significant hazard area is discovered. This notification may be verbal initially but must be reduced to writing within 24 hours. Statutory Authority §§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14 of the Code of Virginia. Historical Notes Derived from VR330-01-03 § 8, eff. January 20, 1989.	Dencel
1VAC30- 30-90 Assessment of conditions and prioritization for remedial action	Upon completion of the on- site inspections and the calculation of the Relative Exposure Potential Assessment, recommendations shall be made regarding future response actions. A number of factors are used to determine the exposure number and, subsequently, the priority	Repeal

level. One of the most	
important factors among	
those listed in Appendix A of	
this Standard is the friability	
factor. Friability is the ability	
to crumble, pulverize, or	
powderize a dry material by	
hand pressure or which	
under normal use or	
maintenance emits or can	
be expected to emit	
asbestos fibers into the air.	
The determination of	
friability is straight forward	
and is explained in Appendix	
A of this Standard. Friability	
is a multiplicative factor and	
can increase the final	
exposure number as much	
as 33% to 100%.	
Another factor important in	
determining exposure	
potential is the mechanism	
for fiber transportation. This	
transport mechanism may	
be an air plenum or it can be	
the simple opening and	
closing of a door. High	
occupant activity can cause	
fibers to be become	
entrained, and even water	
damage can be a means of	
fiber transport. A number of	
the factors mentioned above	
are addressed in the field	
and scored on the algorithm.	
One of the most serious	
situations is to have a highly	
friable material in a	
nonducted supply air	
plenum. Another serious	
concern is to have a highly	
friable material in a return air	
plenum. No matter what the	
transport mechanism is,	
corrective procedures will	
need to be designed and	
implemented to reduce or	
eliminate the transportation	
of fibers.	
Five priority levels have	
been defined for those areas	
found to contain asbestos.	
These priority levels are a	
function of the exposure	
number.	

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(For explanation of exposure	
numbers, please see	
Appendix A). A priority	
ranking is an excellent	
means of designing a	
phased abatement program.	
The following is a detailed	
explanation of each priority	
level:	
Significant hazard area.	
Areas placed in this	
category are those that are	
considered to pose a	
significant potential hazard	
to human health. The proper	
response to this priority is to	
immediately isolate the area	
and repair, encapsulate,	
enclose or remove the	
material before access is	
allowed. Any response other	
than removal must leave the	
material not accessible or	
not friable.	
Priority Level I.	
Areas placed in this Priority	
category are those that are	
felt to pose a high exposure	
potential. Materials in these	
areas are usually in very	
poor condition with material	
possibly laying about on the	
floor. However, there is the	
possibility for the material to	
be in good condition and still	
exhibit a high potential for	
exposure, depending on	
other factors such as	
friability, accessibility, air	
movement and vibration.	
Fireproofing is a material	
that can exhibit this	
condition. These are the	
areas that should be	
addressed first.	
The response action	
recommended for items in	
this level are to repair the	
material by encapsulation,	
enclosure or by any other	
means which will render the	
material not friable and to	
institute a plan designed to	
insure that the material does	
not become friable, or	
remove the material using	

competent, licensed	
personnel.	
Priority Level II:	
Areas listed in this level	
have materials that are not	
in as poor condition as those	
listed in Priority Level I but	
still pose a relatively high	
potential for exposure. In	
some cases the difference	
between a Priority Level I	
area and Priority Level II	
may be access to the area	
and the material. The	
corrective action plan for	
these areas should be to	
properly repair of the	
material and to institute a	
plan to insure that the	
material does not become	
friable, or remove the	
material using competent,	
licensed personnel.	
Priority Level III:	
These areas pose a	
moderate exposure	
potential; however, with time	
these materials will	
deteriorate and should be	
abated. Corrective action	
should be aimed at	
eliminating the factors	
causing the material to	
deteriorate and to making	
repairs. A plan will be	
necessary to monitor the	
condition of these materials	
to insure that they do not	
become friable after repairs	
are made	
Priority Level IV:	
These materials currently	
have a relatively low	
exposure potential. Make	
minor repairs to the material	
and institute a plan to insure	
the material remains not	
friable or remove the	
material using competent,	
licensed personnel.	
Determination of priority	
levels.	
The determination of Priority	
Level I areas and Priority	
Level II areas is based on	
considerable experience	

	and compiled with standard,	
	recognized approaches to	
	prioritization based on	
	industry standards.	
	The Priority Levels are	
	graduational by design. An	
	area that falls in the upper	
	portion of Priority Level II	
	should be considered to	
	pose a higher exposure	
	potential than an area that	
	falls in the lower portion of	
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	Priority Level II.	
	Finally, it is strongly	
	recommended that in any	
	area that is scheduled to	
	undergo renovation or	
	demolition, a complete	
	survey be conducted to	
	confirm the asbestos	
	content of all suspect	
	materials that could contain	
	asbestos. Materials that	
	contain asbestos must be	
	removed prior to	
	commencement of any	
	renovation or demolition	
	work in which the asbestos	
	containing material will be	
	disturbed by the project. Any	
	removal of asbestos-	
	materials must be by	
	personnel properly licensed	
	by the Department of	
	Professional and	
	Occupational Regulation.	
	Statutory Authority	
	§§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14	
	of the Code of Virginia.	
	Historical Notes	
	Derived from VR330-01-03	
	§ 9, eff. January 20, 1989.	
1VAC30-	Every location at which	Repeal
30-100	asbestos is suspected or	
Signs,	identified shall be clearly	
labels and	marked with suitably	
notification	designed signs or labels or	
	the building occupants shall	
	be notified of the location	
	and condition of the	
	asbestos containing material	
	within the building and the	
	existence of a plan for its	
	management, in writing.	
	1. Every mechanical room	
	where asbestos is identified	

	shall have at least one sign	
	located in a conspicuous	
	place at each entrance	
	which contains appropriate	
	wording (e.g., WARNING	
	CEILING MATERIAL	
	CONTAINS ASBESTOS.	
	DO NOT DISTURB).	
	2. Locations containing any	
	materials identified or	
	suspected to contain	
	asbestos shall be reported	
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	in order to provide a	
	permanent record for future	
	reference by the facility and	
	shall be included in the plan.	
	3. All thermal system	
	insulation with suspected or	
	known asbestos-containing	
	materials shall be labeled	
	accordingly (e.g., WARNING	
	SUSPECTED ASBESTOS.	
	DO NOT DISTURB). The	
	labels shall be painted on or	
	affixed to the insulation or	
	covering in a color that	
	contrasts with the color of	
	the material at intervals that	
	would prevent someone	
	from disturbing the material	
	without knowing that it does	
	or is likely to contain	
	asbestos.	
	Statutory Authority	
	§§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14	
	of the Code of Virginia.	
	Historical Notes	
	Derived from VR330-01-03	
	§ 10, eff. January 20, 1989.	
1VAC30-	To determine compliance,	Repeal
30-110	documentation shall include	
Certification	at a minimum:	
Continuation	1. Qualifications of	
	inspector;	
	2. Qualifications of	
	laboratory and analyst;	
	3. Documentation	
	necessary to determine	
	that the survey was	
	conducted according to	
	these standards; and	
	4. Proposed action to	
	comply with unmet	
	requirements.	
	Statutory Authority	

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	§§ 2.1-424 and 2.1-526.14 of the Code of Virginia.	
	Historical Notes	
	Derived from VR330-01-03	
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1VAC30-	The 20-variable algorithm is	Repeal
30-120:1	an expansion on the old	
Appendix A	EPA or Sawyer algorithm.	
	Where the primary variables	
	are identical to the Sawyer	
	algorithm, the first six	
	variables have two sub-	
	variable used to adjust the	
	subjective or general score.	
	The subjective or general	
	score can be adjusted to	
	represent a more accurate	
	reflection of the true value of	
	that general variable.	
	ASSESS EACH OF THE	
	FACTORS	
	Carefully consider each of	
	the following seven factors	
	(the eighth factor, asbestos	
	content, must be determined	
	from laboratory reports) and	
	record your observations:	
	FACTOR ONE. MATERIAL	
	CONDITION:	
	The condition of the	
	asbestos-containing material	
	is the most important	
	indicator of whether fibers	
	have been released in the	
	past or may be released in	
	the future.	
	An assessment of the	
	condition should evaluate:	
	the quality of the installation,	
	the adhesion of the material	
	to the underlying substrate,	
	deterioration, destruction of	
	the material by water,	
	vandalism which has	
	damaged the material, and	
	any other damage. Evidence	
	of debris on horizontal	
	surfaces, material hanging,	
	dislodged chunks,	
	scrapings, indentations, or	
	cracking are indicators of	
	poor material condition.	
	Condition is closely related	
	to other factors considered	
	in the assessment	
	inspection: if the asbestos-	

containing material is	
accessible, it is likely to be	
damaged; if the activity level	
is high in the area, the level	
of damage may be high; and	
materials which are exposed	
may be more likely to	
sustain damage.	
Accidental or deliberate	
physical contact with the	
material can result in	
damage to the asbestos-	
containing material.	
Inspectors should look for	
any evidence that the	
asbestos-containing material	
has been disturbed such as	
finger marks in the material,	
graffiti, pieces dislodged or	
missing, scrape marks from	
movable equipment or	
furniture, or accumulation of	
the friable material of floors,	
shelves, or other horizontal	
surfaces.	
Asbestos-containing	
material may deteriorate as	
a result of the quality of the	
installation as well as	
environmental factors which	
affect the cohesive strength	
of the asbestos-containing	
material or the strength of	
the adhesion to the	
substrate. Deterioration can	
result in dusting of the	
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surface of the asbestos-	
containing material,	
delamination of the material	
(i.e., separating into layers),	
or an adhesive failure of the	
material where it pulls away	
from the substrate and	
either hangs loosely or falls	
to the floor and exposed the	
substrate. Inspectors should	
touch the asbestos-	
containing material and	
determine if dust is released	
when the material is lightly	
brushed or rubbed. If the	
coated surface "gives" when	
slight hand pressure is	
applied or the material	
moves up and down with	
light pushing, the asbestos-	
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containing material is no	
longer tightly bonded to its	
substrate.	
FACTOR ONE: MATERIAL	
CONDITION:	
This factor is comprised of	
three levels:	
A. NO DAMAGE: Material is	
intact and shows no sign of	
deterioration.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 0	
B. MODERATE DAMAGE -	
SMALL AREAS: Through	
visual inspection and	
physical contact there are	
indications that 10% or less	
of the material is breaking	
up into layers or beginning	
to fall. There may be small	
areas where the material is	
deteriorating. There may be	
signs of accidental or	
intentional damage.	
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NUMERICAL VALUE: 2	
C. WIDESPREAD SEVERE	
DAMAGE: Greater than	
10% of the material is	
damaged. Large pieces are	
dislodged or debris in the	
are is evident. Parts of the	
material may be suspended	
from the ceilings or may	
have fallen to the floor.	
Evidence of severe	
accidental or intentional	
damage.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 5	
After the subjective score is	
determined for material	
condition based on the	
standard EPA guidelines for	
determining such, the score	
should be adjusted up one	
point or down one point	
depending on the building	
area age. If the age of the	
material or building in	
question is greater than 30	
years, the objective variable	
is increased by one. If the	
area age is less than 15	
years, it is subtracted by	
one. If the age is between	
15 and 30 years, the score	
does not change. Then if the	
type of material, in particular	
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pipe coverings, is a magnesium or calcium silicate preformed pipe which has a tendency to deteriorate more rapidly, the score is up by one; and if the material type is corrugated air cell or paper product, it is reduced by one. For ceiling plasters or fireproofing, if the material type is a more cementitious Monokote Type it is reduced by one. If it is a cotton candy Cafco type blaze shield or sound shield, it is up by one. For standard acoustical plaster materials, there is no change in the subvariable. FACTOR TWO: WATER DAMAGE: Water damage is usually caused by roof leaks, particularly in buildings with flat roofs or a concrete slab and steel beam
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construction. Skylights can
also be significant sources
of leaks. Water damage can
also result from plumbing
leaks and water in the
vicinity of pools, locker
rooms, and lavatories.
Water can dislodge,
delaminate, or disturb
asbestos-containing
materials that are otherwise
in satisfactory condition and
can increase the potential
for fiber release by
dissolving and washing out
the binders in the material.
Materials which were not
considered friable may
become friable after water
has dissolved and leached
out the binders. Water can
also carry fibers as a slurry
to other areas where
evaporation will leave a
collection of fibers that can
become resuspended in the
air. Inspect the area for
visible signs of water
damage such as
discoloration of the

asbestos-containing	
material, stains on the	
asbestos-containing	
material, adjacent walls, or	
floor, buckling of the walls or	
floor, or areas where pieces	
of the asbestos-containing	
material have separated into	
layers (delaminated) or	
come loose and fallen down	
thereby exposing the	
substrate. Close inspection	
is required. In many areas	
staining may only occur in a	
limited area while water	
damage causing	
delamination may have	
occurred in a much larger	
area. In addition, the water	
damage may have occurred	
since the original inspection	
for friable material was	
conducted causing new	
areas to become friable and	
require an assessment	
inspection.	
Delamination is particularly	
a problem in areas where	
the substrate is a very	
smooth concrete slab.	
Check to see if the material	
"gives" when pressure is	
applied from underneath.	
FACTOR TWO: WATER	
DAMAGE:	
This factor is comprised of	
three levels:	
A. NO WATER DAMAGE:	
No water stains or evidence	
of the material being	
disturbed by water. No	
stains on the floor or walls to	
indicate past water damage.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 0	
B. MINOR WATER	
DAMAGE: Small areas of	
the material or adjacent floor	
or walls show water stains	
and ceiling material may be	
slightly buckled. However,	
pieces have not fallen from	
the ceiling and the damage	
affects 10% or less of the	
material.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 1	
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C. MODERATE TO MAJOR	
WATER DAMAGE: Water	
has dislodged some of the	
material and caused the	
material to break away, or	
has become saturated and	
has the potential to fall, or	
greater than 10% of the	
material has been affected.	
Asbestos fibers have been	
carried from the asbestos-	
containing material by water	
and evaporation has	
occurred, or the fibers have	
been deposited on other	
surfaces.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 2	
After the general subjective determination has been	
made, if the roof above the	
material is a sloped or	
hipped roof, the subjective is	
reduced by $\frac{1}{2}$. If it is a flat	
roof and built- up it is	
increased by 1/2. If the	
substrate type is is metal or	
concrete, it is reduced by $\frac{1}{2}$.	
FACTOR THREE:	
EXPOSED SURFACE	
AREA:	
The amount of asbestos-	
containing material exposed	
to the area occupied by	
people can increase the	
likelihood that the material	
may be disturbed and	
determines whether the	
fibers can freely move	
through the area. An	
asbestos-containing material	
is considered exposed if it	
can be seen, i.e., if there are	
no physical barriers which	
must be moved in order to	
get to the material. For a	
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material not to be exposed, the barrier must be	
complete, undamaged, and	
not likely to be removed or	
dislodged. An asbestos-	
containing material should	
be considered exposed if it	
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If the asbestos-containing	
material is located behind a	
is visible, regardless of the height of the material. If the asbestos-containing	

	suspended ceiling with	
	movable tiles, a close	
	inspection must be made of	
	the condition of the	
	suspended ceilings, the	
	likelihood and frequency of	
	access into the suspended	
	ceiling, and whether the	
	suspended ceiling forms a	
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	complete barrier or is only	
	partially concealing the	
	material. Asbestos-	
	containing material above a	
	suspended ceiling is	
	considered exposed if the	
	space above the suspended	
	ceiling comprises an air	
	plenum. Suspended ceilings	
	with numerous louvers, grids	
	or other open spaces should	
	be considered exposed.	
	This factor is comprised of	
	three levels:	
	FACTOR THREE:	
	EXPOSED SURFACE	
	AREA:	
	A. MATERIAL NOT	
	EXPOSED: Located above	
	suspended ceiling. None	
	visible without removing	
	panels or ceiling sections.	
	Suspended ceiling is not	
	damaged.	
	NUMERICAL VALUE: 0	
	B. TEN PERCENT OR	
	LESS OF THE MATERIAL	
	IS EXPOSED: A few panels	
	of a suspended ceiling have	
	been removed. Spaces	
	between ceiling tiles exist	
	which would allow fibers to	
	pass through the barrier.	
	NUMERICAL VALUE: 1	
	C. GREATER THAN 10%	
	OF THE MATERIAL IS	
	EXPOSED.	
	NUMERICAL VALUE: 4	
	After the general	
	determination is made, if	
	there is an HVAC system	
	that is part of the plenum	
	area, the general	
	determination is increased	
	by one. If there is no plenum	
	but only an enclosed dead	
	space, it is reduced by one.	

If there is a semi- or	
permanent enclosure under	
the fireproofing or acoustical	
plaster isolating the	
mechanical system, the	
general determination is	
reduced by $\frac{1}{2}$.	
FACTOR FOUR:	
ACCESSIBILITY:	
If the friable asbestos-	
containing material can be	
reached by building users or	
maintenance people either	
directly or by impact from	
objects used in the area, it is	
accessible and subject to	
accidental or intention	
contact and damage.	
Material which is accessible	
is most likely to be disturbed	
in the future.	
Evidence of degree of	
accessibility can also be	
determined by examining	
asbestos-containing	
surfaces for impact marks,	
gouges, scrapes, finger	
marks, items thrown into the	
material, etc. Even coated	
ceilings 25 feet high have	
been observed with pencils,	
pens, forks and other items	
stuck in the material. Also	
note such practices as	
stacking boxes from floor to	
ceiling. The top box may	
scrape the asbestos-	
containing coating off the	
ceiling when it is moved.	
The proximity of the friable	
asbestos-containing material	
to heating, ventilation,	
lighting and plumbing	
systems requiring	
maintenance or repair may	
increase its accessibility.	
In addition, the activities and	
behavior of persons using	
the building should be	
included in the assessment	
of whether the material is	
accessible. For example,	
persons involved in athletic	
activities may accidentally	
cause damage to the	
material on the walls and	

ceilings of gymnasiums	
through contact by balls or	
athletic equipment. To	
become fully aware of the	
uses of the building by its	
occupants, the inspector	
should consult with building	
staff or personnel familiar	
with routine building	
activities. This factor is	
comprised of three levels:	
ACCESSIBILITY	
A. NOT ACCESSIBLE: The	
material is located above a	
tight suspended ceiling or is	
concealed by ducts or	
piping. The building	
occupants cannot contact	
the material.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 0	
B. RARELY ACCESSIBLE:	
The material is contacted	
only during abnormal activity	
such as infrequent	
maintenance or repair of	
nearby heating ventilation,	
lighting or plumbing	
systems. Building occupants	
rarely touch the material or	
throw objects against it. NUMERICAL VALUE: 1	
C. HIGHLY ACCESSIBLE:	
Material is contacted	
frequently due to routine	
maintenance. The building	
occupants can contact the	
material during normal	
activity at which time they	
routinely touch and dislodge	
the materials or throw	
objects against it.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 4	
If the ceiling height or	
material height is greater	
than 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet, the subjective	
score is reduced by one. If it	
is under 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet it is	
increased by one. Since the	
building occupancy and use	
status tells us a great deal	
about how often the material	
is going to be accessed, we	
adjust the subjective	
determination by 1 ½+	
depending on the amount of	
occupancy. Pipe chases,	

crawl spaces, attics and	
mechanical air handling	
rooms are reduced by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$,	
whereas major boiler rooms,	
classrooms, secretarial	
pools, or offices are	
increased by 1 1/2.	
FACTOR FIVE: ACTIVITY	
AND MOVEMENT	
The level of activity and	
movement in the vicinity of	
the asbestos-containing	
material can affect both the	
potential for disturbance of	
the material as well as the	
level of resuspension of the	
fibers which have come	
loose from the material. Consider not only the	
movement caused by the	
activities of people in the	
area but also movement	
from other sources such as	
high vibration from adjacent	
rooms, highways, etc.	
Another source of vibration	
is sound, such as music and	
noise. Sound sets airwaves	
in motion in certain	
frequencies. As these sound	
waves impact on asbestos-	
containing material, they	
may vibrate this material	
and contribute to fiber	
release. Therefore fibers	
may be released to a	
greater extend in a band	
room, music practice room,	
or auditorium than in the	
remainder of the building.	
Aircraft noise also has the	
ability to vibrate buildings;	
therefore, the inspector	
should determine if the	
building is in a direct flight	
path. It has been reported	
that in several schools	
whose ceilings were coated	
with asbestos-containing	
acoustical plaster, the band	
rooms were dustier than any other room in the school and	
granular material was	
deposited on floors and	
desks after music practice	
sessions.	
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The level of activity can best	
be described by identifying	
the purpose of the area as	
well as estimating the	
number of persons who	
enter the area on a typical	
day.	
ACTIVITY AND	
MOVEMENT	
A. NONE OR LOW	
ACTIVITY: This level would	
normally include areas such	
as administrative offices,	
libraries, and those	
classrooms where the	
population is quiet and non-	
destructive.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 0	
B. MODERATE ACTIVITY:	
This level describes	
corridors, classrooms or	
other areas where activities	
exit that could create undue	
vibration. This vibration	
could result in fibers being	
released from the material	
into the immediate area.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 1	
C. HIGH ACTIVITY LEVEL:	
This level may be found in	
cafeterias and corridors	
whose occupants are	
vandalous or disruptive in	
their activities. This also	
includes all gymnasiums,	
swimming pools and rooms	
containing machinery.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 2	
After the subjective	
determination is made, we	
must determine whether	
there is sedentary or non	
sedentary movement. If the	
room in question is a library	
or other sedentary work	
environments, the subjective	
variable is reduced by $\frac{1}{2}$.	
However, if the area in	
question has a great deal of	
activity such as in a hallway,	
a boiler room, a	
maintenance shed, etc. the	
variable will be increased by	
$\frac{1}{2}$. If the room in question in	
subject to sound or	
mechanical vibration such	

as in an auditorium or a	
band hall or in an air	
handling or boiler room	
where there are constant	
vibrations, the variable is up	
by $\frac{1}{2}$. If the area in question	
contains no recognizable	
sound or mechanical	
vibrations, or if no air	
handling systems are on the	
roof of the area, the	
subjective variable is	
reduced by ½.	
FACTOR SIX: AIR PLENUM	
OR DIRECT AIR STREAM	
An air plenum exists when	
the return (or, in rare cases,	
conditioned) air leaves a	
room or hall through vents in	
a suspended ceiling and	
travels at low speed and	
pressure through the space	
between the actual ceiling	
and the suspended ceiling	
or ducts. In evaluating	
whether an air plenum or	
direct air stream is present	
the inspector must look for	
evidence of ducts or cavities	
used to convey air to and	
from heating or cooling	
equipment or the presence	
of air vents or outlets which	
blow air directly onto friable	
material.	
A typical construction	
technique is to use the	
space between a suspended	
ceiling and the actual ceiling	
as a return air plenum. In	
many cases you will have to	
lift the tiles in the suspended	
ceiling to check if this is the	
case. Inspection of the air	
handling or HVAC	
equipment rooms may also	
provide evidence of the	
presence of this material in	
the plenums.	
Special attention should be	
paid to whether activities	
such as maintenance	
frequently occur which	
would disturb the material in	
the plenum. Also any	
evidence that the material is	

	being released or eroded	
	(i.e. is it damaged or	
	deteriorated so that the	
	material is free to circulate in	
	the airstream) such as	
	accumulations of the	
	material in the plenum	
	should be noted. The	
	presence of a direct air	
	stream is indicated by	
	discoloration of the asbestos	
	coating in the vicinity of a	
	vent or erosion patterns may	
	be evident in the asbestos-	
	containing material.	
	AIR PLENUM OR DIRECT	
	AIR STREAM	
	A. NO AIR PLENUM OR	
	DIRECT AIR STREAM	
	PRESENT:	
	NUMERICAL VALUE: 0	
	B. AIR PLENUM OR	
	DIRECT AIR STREAM	
	PRESENT: Look for dust	
	patterns deposited by an air	
	stream on surfaces next to	
	air supply diffusers. Fan	
	rooms coated with asbestos-	
	containing material may be	
	contributing asbestos fibers	
	to the building air if the	
	circulation system draws air	
	from such a coated room.	
	Look for debris from the	
	asbestos-containing material	
	being deposited on dampers	
	and filters of the air intake.	
	NUMERICAL VALUE: 1	
	After the general	
	determination is made, we	
	look at the velocity of the air	
	flow if in fact there is an air	
	flow. If the air flow is	
	recognizable by human	
	feeling rather than subtle,	
	the variable is increased by	
	1/4. If it nonrecognizable it is	
	reduced by ¼. If the air flow	
	is a constant, steady stream	
	it, again, is reduced by 1/4;	
	whereas if the air flow is an	
	impact air flow such as	
	through thermostatic action	
	where large gusts of air	
	impact the material from	

time to time it is increased	
by ¼.	
FACTOR SEVEN.	
FRIABILITY	
The term "friable" is applied	
to dry material that can be	
crumbled, pulverized, or	
reduced to powder by hand	
pressure or which under	
normal use or maintenance	
emits or can be expected to	
emit asbestos fibers into the	
air. In order to evaluate the	
friability of the material it	
should be touched. The	
asbestos-containing material	
can vary in degree of	
friability. The more friable	
the material, the greater the	
potential for asbestos fiber	
release and contamination.	
A material that contains	
asbestos can be expected to	
emit fibers during use or	
maintenance if the original	
integrity of the material has	
been disturbed.	
FRIABILITY	
A. NOT FRIABLE: Material	
that is hard and cannot be	
damaged by hand. An object	
is required to penetrate	
material. The material	
integrity has been	
maintained.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 0	
B. LOW FRIABILITY:	
Material that is difficult yet	
possible to damage by	
hand. Material can be	
indented by forceful impact.	
If the granular, cementitious	
asbestos-containing material	
is rubbed, it leaves granules	
on the hand but no powder.	
Material integrity has been	
disturbed.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 1	
C. MODERATE	
FRIABILITY: Fairly easy to	
dislodge and crush or	
pulverize. Material may be	
removed in small or large	
pieces. Material is soft and	
can easily be indented by	
hand pressure. The	

grandular, cementitious asbestos-containing material leaves a powder residue on the hands when rubbed. NUMERICAL VALUE: 2 D. HIGH FRIABILITY: The material is fluffy, spongy, or	
leaves a powder residue on the hands when rubbed. NUMERICAL VALUE: 2 D. HIGH FRIABILITY: The material is fluffy, spongy, or	
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material is fluffy, spongy, or	
flaking and may have pieces	
hanging down. Easily	
crushed or pulverized by	
hand pressure. Material may	
disintegrate or fall apart	
when touched	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 3	
FACTOR EIGHT:	
ASBESTOS CONTENT	
The percentage for all types	
of asbestos present should	
be added for the total	
asbestos content. The	
numerical value is assigned	
based upon the report of	
analysis, not on appearance	
of the material.	
With a high percentage of	
asbestos, there are more	
fibers that can be released	
and contaminate the	
building environment.	
Therefore, if certain areas	
are identical in their	
assessment using the other	
seven factors, this factor will	
be helpful in establishing	
priorities and indicating	
which area needs to be	
addressed first. This factor	
is comprised of three levels	
A. TRACE AMOUNTS TO	
ONE PERCENT	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 0	
B. GREATER THAN ONE	
PERCENT TO FIFTY	
PERCENT. Ceiling and wall	
coatings most frequently	
encountered in this category	
are the granular,	
cementitious acoustical	
plasters.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 2	
C. FIFTY PERCENT TO	
ONE HUNDRED	
PERCENT. Most frequently	
materials containing over	
50% asbestos were pipe	
and boiler wrapping or the	

fibrous, cotton candy, type	
sprayed-on insulation.	
NUMERICAL VALUE: 3	
Step 2: Exposure number	
calculation	
The exposure number is	
derived from the factor	
scores by a formula. After	
entering the chosen factor	
scores on lines 1 through 8.	
(a) Sum factors 1 through 6	
and enter opposite SUM;	
(b) Multiply factor 7 times	
factor 8, and enter opposite	
PRODUCT;	
(c) Multiply SUM times	
PRODUCT and enter	
opposite EXPOSURE	
NUMBER;	
This number represents the	
result of your assessment	
for each area of the building.	
The values can range from 0	
to 162. The higher the	
numerical value, the greater	
the potential for fiber release	
and therefore the more	
hazardous the situation. The	
exposure number must now	
be compared to the	
Corrective Action Scale,	
which is Step 3.	
Step 3: Comparison of	
Exposure Number to	
Corrective Action Scale	
Appendix B, Corrective	
Action Scale, presents five	
Priority Levels, and a range	
of Exposure Numbers for	
which that Priority Level is	
appropriate. Compare the	
Exposure Number derived in	
Step 2 to the Priority Levels	
in Appendix B. For example,	
an Exposure Number of 65	
indicates that a Priority	
Level of I should be	
assigned. An Exposure	
Number of 10, however,	
indicates that a Priority	
Level of IV should be	
assigned. The proper	
response action for each	
Priority Level is found in	
Section IX of these	
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If a new VAC Chapter(s) is being promulgated and is not replacing an existing Chapter(s), use Table 2.

New chapter- section number	New requirements	Other regulations and law that apply	Intent and likely impact of new requirements

If the regulatory change is replacing an **emergency regulation**, and the proposed regulation is identical to the emergency regulation, complete Table 1 and/or Table 2, as described above.

If the regulatory change is replacing an **emergency regulation**, but <u>changes have been made</u> since the emergency regulation became effective, also complete Table 3 to describe the changes made <u>since</u> the emergency regulation.

Table 3: Changes to the Emergency Regulation

Emergency chapter- section number	New chapter- section number, if applicable	Current <u>emergency</u> requirement	Change, intent, rationale, and likely impact of new or changed requirements since emergency stage