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Annual Asbestos Notification (California Health and Safety Code § 25915-25919.7)

The Asbestos Notification Act (California Health and Safety Code Sections 25915-25919.7) requires that the owner of any building constructed prior to 1979 notify all employees in writing regarding:

- The presence of asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM).
- The content and results of building survey reports.
- The locations where asbestos is present.
- General procedures required to minimize exposure and potential health risks.

What is Asbestos and Where is it Found?

Prior to 1979, asbestos—a naturally occurring mineral fiber—was widely used in construction products due to its fire resistance and insulating properties. In older facilities owned or operated by UCDMC, asbestos may be present in materials such as:

- Spray-applied fireproofing and acoustical treatments
- Piping, boiler, and heating insulation
- Roofing materials, sealants, and adhesives
- Cements, wallboard, and surfacing plasters.
- Structural concrete columns and beams
- Vinyl sheet flooring, floor tiles, and leveling compounds
- Ceiling tiles, counter tops, and fire doors

UCDMC has conducted comprehensive building surveys and implemented stringent management plans to safely manage these materials. When asbestos-containing products are intact, stable, and left undisturbed, fibers are not released into the air, and the health risk is minimal.

Health Risks Associated with Asbestos Exposure

Asbestos presents a health hazard only when small fibers become airborne and are inhaled or ingested. Significant, long-term exposure to high levels of airborne asbestos fibers has been linked to severe illnesses in industrial workers, including:

- Asbestosis: A chronic, debilitating lung disease causing scarring of lung tissue.
- Lung Cancer: Malignant tumors of the lungs.
- Mesothelioma: A rare and aggressive cancer of the lining of the lung and abdominal cavities.

Employee Responsibilities and Safe Practices

To maintain a safe work environment, all personnel must adhere to the following procedures:

1. Do Not Disturb Suspect Materials: Do not cut, drill, sand, grind, or perform any destructive activities on building materials without prior clearance.
2. Pre-Work Inspection: Suspect building materials must be inspected and tested by EH&S prior to the commencement of any renovation, demolition, or maintenance activities.
3. Report Damage Immediately: If you observe any damaged, flaking, or degraded suspect materials, report it immediately to your supervisor, facility manager, or EH&S at 916-734-2740.

Access to Survey Results and Questions

UCDMC is committed to providing a safe workplace and effectively managing asbestos. EH&S maintains a staff of certified professionals who conduct material surveys, coordinate and supervise safe asbestos abatement activities, perform air monitoring, and provide safety training. Asbestos survey results, which detail the specific locations where asbestos-containing materials are located, are available for review. If you have specific questions regarding this information, or if you would like an EH&S staff member to review these details with you, please contact EH&S at 916-734-2740.

Thank you,

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