

## Do I have to notify the DEQ Air Quality Division even if the building I intend to demolish or remodel contains no asbestos?

Yes, you must notify the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) using a [Notification of Intent to Renovate/Demolish](#) form (EQP5661 and MIOSHA-CSH 142). This is a joint form used by both the DEQ and the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG). Mailing instructions are on the form.

On this form, you'll need to either notify that there isn't any asbestos present, or estimate the amount of asbestos that is present. Include the Regulated Asbestos Containing Material (RACM) to be removed, such as pipe wrap, ceiling tile, sprayed on insulation, etc. Also include the amount and type of non-friable Category I and/or Category II ACM (asbestos containing material) that will not be removed prior to demolition. Non-friable means that it is not easily crumbled, pulverized, or crushed with your hands. Category I ACM is defined as non-friable ACM that has a high probability of becoming pulverized, crumbled or reduced to a powder, such as floor tile, gaskets, roofing material, etc. Category II ACM is non-friable asbestos containing material not defined in Category I. In a demolition, cementitious ACM cannot remain in a structure as it is likely to become a regulated material in the demolition/handling process. It must be removed prior to demolition.

All commercial buildings are subject to the notification requirement. There are instances when a single private residence may not be subject to the notification requirement. If a single private residence under the control of the owner is to be demolished for no commercial reason, then it is not subject to the regulation and notification is not required. However, if two or more buildings (including a detached garage) will be demolished as part of a commercial or industrial project, or is part of a neighborhood improvement project, then the notice is required. Discuss all applicability questions with the [Air Quality Division \(AQD\) Asbestos Program staff](#) by calling (517) 335-4639.

The enforcing agencies and laws that require the demolition/renovation notification are:

- DEQ, Air Quality Division, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), [40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M](#).
- Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG), Asbestos Program, [P.A. 135 OF 1986](#), as amended, Section 220 (1-4) or (8).

For more information, read the DEQ publication "[Understanding the Asbestos NESHAP](#)" and go to the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Asbestos Web site](#) at [www.epa.gov/asbestos](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos).