

LANCASTER COUNTY ASBESTOS WORKER I

NATURE OF WORK

This is skilled work in the abatement of asbestos in governmental buildings and facilities.

Work involves the abatement of asbestos within lawfully mandated safety standards. Instructions are received from a technical superior with work being performed in accordance with established policies and procedures. Inspections of work are made in progress and upon completion in order to determine conformance with specifications.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Assist in surveying, measuring, and cataloging asbestos- and lead-containing materials in governmental buildings.

Assist in constructing negative air work environment for abatement of actual asbestos-containing material; construct four-celled containment chambers including clean room, shower with water filtration system, load-out for asbestos-containing material waste, and equipment room.

Remove or encapsulate asbestos-containing material; perform maintenance and cleaning of all equipment necessary for abatement work; package, transport and dispose of asbestos waste.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Knowledge of general building construction techniques and code requirements for governmental buildings.

Some knowledge of the methods, practices, equipment, and materials utilized in abatement of asbestos-containing materials.

Some knowledge of safety hazards involved in asbestos encapsulation and removal, as well as precautionary methods needed.

Some knowledge of City, State, and Federal policies, procedures, and regulations regarding the sampling and abatement of asbestos in governmental buildings.

Ability to survey buildings for asbestos- and lead-containing material.

Ability to work from sketches, blueprints, and oral and written instructions.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers and general public.

Ability to perform basic construction for the building of encapsulation chambers used in abatement projects.

Skill in the use of equipment used for the abatement of asbestos.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from high school or equivalent plus two years of experience in a variety of maintenance, repair, and construction activities in any one or more of the craft disciplines including asbestos work, carpentry, masonry, plumbing, electrical repair and related disciplines; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that would provide the desirable knowledge, abilities, and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle may be necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

Possession of such certifications required by law as necessary for the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

An employee in this classification is required to pass a complete physical examination prior to beginning work and annually thereafter.

Must be examined by a licensed physician to determine physical ability to work while wearing a respirator and must be reexamined on an annual basis. As per Title 178, Chapter 21 of Nebraska Asbestos Control Act.

Must obtain State and Federal certifications in asbestos handling upon employment, and annually pass recertification tests. As per Title 178, Chapter 21 of Nebraska Asbestos Control Act and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Smokers who are exposed to asbestos occupationally have a greatly increased risk of contracting lung cancer as compared to smokers who are not exposed to asbestos occupationally and non-smokers who are exposed to asbestos occupationally. This is according to OSHA (29 CFR, parts 1910 and 1926) and EPA (40 CFR, part 763) research.

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