



San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

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COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

SCHOOL DEMOLITION AND RENOVATION PROJECTS

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) is issuing this Compliance Advisory to inform school districts, general contractors, and subcontractors of air quality and asbestos requirements that apply to school demolition and renovation projects. These projects often increase during summer months and often involve work subject to asbestos and air quality regulations.

SDAPCD Inspections:

SDAPCD may conduct inspections of school construction projects in response to

- [Air Quality Complaints](#)
- Notified construction projects subject to [District Rule 1206](#),

SDAPCD Enforcement Responsibilities:

SDAPCD regulates Rule 1206, which applies to renovation and demolition projects, including at schools that may disturb asbestos containing materials.

Rule 1206 requires owners and operators to:

- • Conduct surveys to determine whether asbestos is present before disturbing any building materials. Surveys are required regardless of building age.
- Submit notifications for asbestos-related work and demolitions, including the removal of modular classroom structures.
- Follow required handling, removal, and disposal procedures for regulated asbestos-containing material (RACM).
- Implement appropriate emission control practices.

School projects may also be subject to:

- State and local asbestos regulations, including:
 - [CalOSHA requirements](#)
 - [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) licensing requirements
 - [County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health and Quality \(DEHQ\)](#)
 - [County of San Diego Hazardous Materials Division](#) hazardous waste disposal

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Common Compliance Issues Observed:

- Failure to conduct a thorough asbestos survey of all suspect building materials prior to renovation or demolition regardless of the age of the structure.
- Failure to submit required Rule 1206 notifications for renovations and demolitions, including removal of modular classroom structures.
- Improper handling or disturbance of asbestos-containing materials.
- Dust and debris generating public complaints or nuisance conditions.
- Not starting a renovation or demolition on the notification start date.

These issues can result in:

- Potential asbestos exposure to the Public
- Project delays
- Expensive cleanup of contaminated structures and ventilation systems
- Additional abatement costs
- Notices of Violation (NOVs)
- Monetary penalties
- Criminal charges

Compliance Recommendations:

Asbestos surveys and asbestos abatement projects must be conducted by trained and certified individuals as required by Rule 1206. Contact a qualified asbestos consultant and licensed asbestos abatement contractors early in project planning. [Contractor FAQs](#) are available on the [SDAPCD website](#).

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