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Air Sampling Advisory for Asbestos

*The following advisory was prepared to assist
building owners/tenants with the performance of air sampling for asbestos.*

*For
Real Estate
Board*

Persons who perform air sampling must possess valid New York State Asbestos Project Air Sampling Technician Certificates. Air sampling analysis must be performed by a laboratory with ELAP accreditation.

A minimum of five representative samples should be collected. In addition to these 5 samples, one representative area sample should be collected for every 5,000 square feet above 25,000 square feet of floor space. The area must be dry before sampling.

The re-occupancy or clearance air monitoring is considered satisfactory when every PCM analysis sample is less than or equal to 0.01 f/cc or every TEM analysis sample is less than 70 s/mm².

PCM samples exceeding the 0.01 f/cc should be analyzed with TEM analysis to determine whether the measured fibers are asbestos fibers. Additional clean-up activities are necessary for re-occupancy if the levels are exceeded.

For additional information regarding air sampling, please refer to the Asbestos Rules. A copy is posted on the Department's web page.

If you have any questions, please call the Asbestos Control Program or contact the Department of Environmental Protection's complaint center at (718) DEP-HELP (337-4357). Help Center operators will refer your call to Asbestos Control Program staff.

