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The standards that are in place for evaluating asbestos exposure, and the data we have relied on, are based on the best scientific research and methodologies available. All standard methodologies have been relied on to determine levels of airborne asbestos and fibrous material. Many of the samples collected to date have been analyzed using Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM). TEM is considered to be the definitive state-of-the-art method for identifying asbestos fibers. The outdoor air results reported on the EPA web site have been analyzed by TEM and are being compared to the standard set by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The exposure standards set by AHERA were established to provide clearance for schools.

Rescue workers, who may have prolonged exposure to high levels of particulate matter that may include asbestos, must lower their exposure risks by wearing respiratory protection. The levels of airborne asbestos detected beyond the restricted work zone, however, do not warrant the use of respiratory protection.

This last paragraph needs work:

It is expected and has been shown by the data collected to date that any asbestos exposure to the general public would be to low levels. Additionally, it is expected that any exposures to the general public would be of a short duration and would not likely result in any long-term health risk.