

Proposed Rule Changes for SWCAA 476 Standards for Asbestos Control, Demolition and Renovation

SWCAA 476 “Standards for Asbestos Control, Demolition and Renovation” are the regulations with which the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) regulates the emission of asbestos from sources within the jurisdiction of SWCAA. The purpose of this regulation is to control asbestos emissions from the removal, encapsulation, salvage, disposal, or disturbance of asbestos-containing materials in order to protect public health.

SWCAA is proposing changes that update the list of regulated activities, re-order two definitions, make formatting changes to existing definitions, correct sectional references, clarify the need for SWCAA approval for project notices, add a requirement for worker certification and identification cards, remove the Exceptions paragraph, revise bulk sampling requirements, replace the term Agency with the term SWCAA, and make minor text edits.

An electronic version of the proposed rule can be viewed on the SWCAA website at www.swcleanair.org/regs/proposedrules.asp and physical copies can be viewed at the SWCAA office located at 11815 NE 99th Street, Suite 1294 in Vancouver, Washington during business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Phone (360) 574-3058.

The public comment period for the proposed rule change will begin on December 4, 2019 and close on January 17, 2020. Comments can be submitted in writing, prior to the close date, to the above address or emailed to Jerry Ebersole at wess@swcleanair.org. A public hearing for the proposed rule changes will be held at SWCAA’s business office beginning at 6:00 pm on January 14, 2020. SWCAA intends to submit the proposed rules for consideration for adoption by the Board at the February 6, 2020 board meeting.