

4-1.3 DECISION NO. D-4

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT: REMOVAL VERSUS LESS EXPENSIVE ALTERNATIVES

Issue:

There is a need for guidelines that enable the Area offices to establish their own asbestos management programs. These guidelines need to emphasize "in-place management" of asbestos rather than its wholesale removal.

Decision:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Managing Asbestos in Place--A Building Owner's Guide to Operations and Maintenance Programs for Asbestos-Containing Materials, published by the EPA in July 1990, is approved.

Effective immediately, guidelines in this document will be used as the IHS standard on asbestos management.

Reference:

The asbestos management guidelines are incorporated in the Technical Handbook for Environmental Health and Engineering, Volume VI, Part 87, Chapter 87-1, by reference only. Copies of Managing Asbestos in Place can be obtained by calling the Toxic Substance Control Act Assistance, EPA, Washington, D.C. at (202) 554-1404.

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