Asbestos/Lead/PCB inspection categories and turnaround times:

In order to help requestors properly plan and schedule their projects, EH&S has developed the following inspection turnaround times based on the size and scope of inspection which is necessary. This is a determination made by the EH&S inspector, but will also help requestors determine how much time to allow for the inspections which they request.

Simple inspection:
This is an inspection whose scope is limited to a single discreet location and which may be completed using pre-existing material sample data already on file with EH&S. Examples would be repairing a damaged building component or replacing a single fixture.

Turnaround time: 2-3 business days

Simple inspection with testing:
This inspection is of similar scope to a simple inspection, but the work will impact materials which have not previously been tested and sample collection and analysis is required before inspection results can be issued. Depending on the analysis type and how busy the lab is, normal turnaround times can vary but are usually roughly 5 business days for asbestos and lead analysis and up to 10 business days for PCB analysis. NAU does not have control over lab turnaround time but rush analysis may be requested (at additional cost to the requestor) and shorten this time to some extent.

Turnaround time: 10-15 business days

Complex inspection:
This is an inspection for work whose scope addresses a larger number of locations within a building or an entire building (IE a partial or complete building remodel, utility upgrade, or replacement of a single component such as counter tops throughout the entirety of a building

which has an inconsistent construction or remodeling history). This inspection process requires additional communication and consultation with the requestor to determine the exact needs of the requestor, multiple site visits to determine which materials will be impacted, often involves limited sampling and analysis, and is heavily reliant on the level of communication and detail provided by the requestor. These inspections must be completed in stages in order to allow completion of other inspection requests across campus.

Turnaround times for complex inspections are highly variable and on a case by case basis may range from 15 to more than 30 business days. These inspections are usually part of a larger project and should be requested and completed as part of the planning process once the final scope of work is determined. Inspections which are requested without adequate lead time may not be completed by the scheduled start date. Since there is a regulatory requirement to give hazard communication or eliminate known hazards BEFORE the start of work, delays in the inspection may require delaying the commencement of work in some instances.

Other Services:

Once the inspection is completed, other services such as gathering bids for abatement and oversight, scheduling asbestos removal, performing re-inspections due to changes in scope or scale of work, inspection of newly discovered/previously hidden materials, and other services are handled on an as needed basis. Historically, the largest delay in these services is caused by lack of detail in the service request or approval process. Requestors should be prepared to give accurate information regarding any changes of scope, locations and square footages for any necessary removal, accurate start and finish dates for the necessary work, have firm dates or timeframes for receiving quotes, and firm timeframes for their approval and completion of the PO or purchasing approval process. Without these items, proper inspection, bidding and scheduling of any additional work is very difficult and is often needlessly delayed.