

Pre-Construction/Renovation Inspection for Hazardous Building Materials

NAU EHS maintains an inspection/recordkeeping program for the purpose of determining the presence of hazardous building materials (Asbestos, Lead, PCB) in NAU owned/occupied buildings. The mission of this program is to determine the need for removal of hazards or special work practices before disturbance of materials related to construction, renovation, or demolition; to protect the health of NAU employees, contractors, and students; and to ensure legal compliance with state and federal safety regulations established by ADEQ/EPA, and ADOSH/OSHA.

To ensure that work is being performed in a safe and legal fashion, the requestor shall perform the following actions:

- 1) Accurately determine the scope and schedule of work for the project in question, including the type of work, locations of disturbance, and materials to be impacted.
- 2) Submit this information to EHS through the online “Worksite Hazard Inspection request” system which can be found on the EHS website (www.nau.edu/ehs).
- 3) Requests shall be made with adequate time to complete the inspection and with adequate time to complete procurement and planning for any necessary abatement services. Inspection times vary from 2 days to 4 weeks (See guidance document on EHS website – Asbestos/lead/pcb program page for inspection times)
- 4) Procurement/planning may take from 1-3 weeks depending on the scope of services needed, and does not take into account contractor availability or schedules.
- 5) If the scope of work for a project changes following the completion of the hazardous material inspection, the earlier results of that inspection will be considered incomplete and a new inspection shall be requested/completed prior to proceeding with any additional work.

Contact and additional program information for NAU EHS safety personnel and programs is available on the EHS Website www.nau.edu/ehs or by using the EHS switchboard email ehs@nau.edu or ocsafety@nau.edu.