August 13, 2015

Re: Requirements for Asbestos Project Notification Fee Waiver for Certain Projects

Dear Municipality,

Effective April 13, 2015, Section 904 of the New York State Labor Law was amended to allow for the waiver of asbestos notification fees for certain qualifying projects. As a result, asbestos project notification fees are not required for projects that are undertaken:

- By or on behalf of a city, town, village, or county where the building being abated or demolished is a public nuisance or unsafe, and the cost of the project will exceed the resulting value of the property;
- As part of a plan for “Urban Renewal” as is defined in Article 15 of the New York State General Municipal Law;
- As part of a plan for “Municipal Redevelopment” as is defined in Article 18-c of the New York State General Municipal Law; or
- On behalf of a “Land Bank” as is defined in Article 16 of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

If a project meets the criteria set forth above the attached form “Asbestos Project Notification Fee Waiver Request” must be used to request a waiver. Part 1 of the form must be completed by the Licensed Asbestos Contractor and Part 2 of the form must be completed by the municipality or Land Bank for which the project is being undertaken. This application form must be submitted to New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) by the Licensed Asbestos Contractor together with the asbestos project notification form (SH 483).

We recommend that you discuss this process with any licensed asbestos contractors performing work for you that meet the aforementioned criteria. Asbestos Project Notification Fee Waiver Request form should be submitted to:

New York State Department of Labor
Licensing and Certification Unit
State Office Campus,
Building 12, Room 161A,
Albany, NY 12240
If you have questions or need any additional information, please feel free to call me at (518)457-3518 or Kirk Fisher, Licensing and Certification Program Manager at (518)485-6254 or send your question to our Email: labor.sm.asbestosnotification@labor.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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