ASBESTOS
ACM or PACM Potential Exposures

This flow chart is to be used until further notice for any accidental release of asbestos by a Facilities employee.

Employee potentially exposed to Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) or Presumed Asbestos Containing Material (PACM)

Employee:
- Leave area immediately.
- Notify supervisor of situation and potential exposure and discusses with supervisor the first aid measures to take.

Supervisor:
- Gathers sufficient information from employee about incident.
- Immediately contacts the Asbestos Group (AG) (275-2056) and Occupational Safety (OS) (275-3241). If after hours, have Security page responsible individuals.
- Supervisor to supply information (incident report) to Worker’s Compensation (WC) to start incident report.

Asbestos Group:
- Respond to incident. Pull bulk samples or swipes to determine presence of ACM if not known.
- Have air samples taken if material appears friable and
  - Situation is less than 4 hours old.
  - An outside contractor will be called for air monitoring.
- AG to maintain results of all asbestos monitoring and give copy to OS.
- Contaminated clothing to be disposed of as asbestos waste. Non-contaminated clothing is returned.

OS:
- Receive information from supervisor and AG about release.
- OS to report to supervisors and employees about incident and make recommendations to prevent future occurrences.
- Communicate and counsel affected employees of the air monitoring or other collected data.
- Inform WC of the results of the monitoring and incident follow up.
- Maintain copy of air monitoring data.

Worker’s Compensation:
- Process incident report and begin C2 process.
- Provide information to IH unit for follow up.
- Provide medical evaluations as required by law.
- Based on OS follow-up, close out case or keep active.

Supplemental Information Below

First aid measures:
- If clothing is contaminated, do not brush off.
- Take clothing off gently and bag. If clothing is heavily contaminated, employee to take shower.

Incident report can be completed by:
- File electronically through http://www.safety.rochester.edu/SMH115.html

Supplemental Information Below

Abbreviations used above:
- ACM: Asbestos Containing Material
- PACM: Presumed Asbestos Containing Material
- AG: Asbestos Group
- OS: Occupational Safety
- WC: Worker’s Compensation

ACM or PACM Potential Exposures January 2012