

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:  
ASBESTOS ACCREDITATION CHANGES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO PERFORM ASBESTOS  
ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS OR PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN TENNESSEE**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management's Asbestos Accreditation Rule was effective June 23, 2009. Since the Asbestos Accreditation Program's inception and Rule implementation, staff have provided equitable customer service to the asbestos regulated community.

Tennessee's asbestos accreditation rule requirements do not outline procedures for Walk-In-Applicants or same day processing. As a courtesy to the regulated community, staff have accommodated these requests as time allowed. However, due to the large number of these requests being received, working on these requests has negatively impacted our ability to process normally-submitted applications. This is unfair to those who follow the procedures outlined on the application form. Therefore, these services previously provided as a courtesy will be discontinued beginning Monday, July 3, 2017. On that date, all completed applications submitted by hand delivery or express mail, will be placed in the rotation and processed based on the date received.

Also beginning Monday, July 3, 2017 the asbestos accreditation section will no longer issue "Temporary Right to Conduct Asbestos Activities Letters" for individuals. The asbestos Rule does not contain provisions to issue "Temporary Right to Conduct Asbestos Activities Letters". These were provided as a courtesy to accredited firms. TDEC initially started issuing these letters on those occasions when we were unable to issue certifications within the time frame stipulated by regulation. As a result of increased demand for these letters, which has negatively impacted staff's ability to process routine paperwork, TDEC will no longer issue letters in instances where applicants fail to submit applications in time to allow processing as provided in regulation.

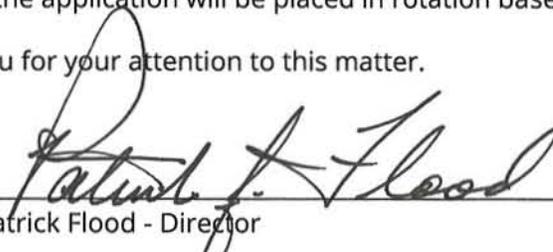
Listed below are key points outlining the asbestos accreditation application process. A list of the application requirements are shown on the program websites (<http://www.tn.gov/environment/topic/sw-asbestos-program>) and are currently detailed in Rule 1200-01-20-.01 et. seq., Asbestos Accreditation Requirements.

**The application process** - All applications are reviewed for completeness in the order in which they are received. Applications that are deemed complete are then placed in rotation to be processed. The asbestos accreditation Rule states that following the submittal of all required information, the Commissioner will approve or disapprove a person's request for accreditation within sixty (60) days from when the application is deemed complete.

Per the Asbestos Accreditation Rule, "When an application is deemed incomplete, the applicants are notified of any deficiency and are provided an opportunity to send the required information to complete the application process." As a policy practice, the program allows applicants 15-days to submit the deficient information. If the applicant does not provide the required information within 15 days, the application will be denied and the applicant must restart the application process. If the deficient information is received within 15 days, the application will be placed in rotation based on the date the application was deemed complete.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Signed

  
Patrick Flood - Director

Date:

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