

# Asbestos Advisory Group

## Draft Recommendations by Focus Group

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### State & Federal Regulations

- DEQ should explain asbestos regulations (state & federal) to inform individuals why the regulations are important and to promote compliance assistance. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by providing How? Where? When? With Whom?>
- DEQ should clarify and/or revise the definitions for 'Miscellaneous Materials' (including sampling of misc. materials); 'Thoroughly Inspect'; and 'Facility' to allow for more administrative flexibility while not causing harm to health or the environment. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by adding additional definitions for review, etc.>
- DEQ should require a form for disposal of asbestos containing materials for screening waste streams at landfills. <AAG members may clarify recommendation regarding need for form (reduced liability) and how/why need for consistency, etc.>

### Funding

- DEQ should provide a fee discount for individuals with multiple asbestos certifications for the purpose of promoting professional conduct and customer service. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by providing How? When? Who?>
- DEQ should increase compliance rates and thereby revenue would increase. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by providing How? When? Who?>
- DEQ should adopt an application fee of \$50 to \$100 for each project removing non-friable and non-regulated floor tile, pipe or roofing material projects. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by expanding applicability, etc.>

### Enforcement & Cleanup

- DEQ should allocate more staff time to identifying non-compliance and take the appropriate measures to achieve compliance. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by outlining specific methods to increase compliance, etc.>
- DEQ should develop and distribute education / information materials for asbestos regulatory requirements to promote compliance. Make information available in both hardcopy and electronically. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by providing How? Types?>

- DEQ should revise its enforcement process to increase monetary fines both in terms of frequency and amount. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by providing \$ amount or frequency definition, etc.>
- DEQ should publish a list of non-compliant contractors. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by outlining by Who? When?>

## **Permitting**

- DEQ should require notification of all asbestos projects and make notification available online. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by providing How?>
- DEQ should provide for online application for annual permit (allow pdf attachments) and allow credit card payments. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by providing a timeline, discounts, etc.>
- DEQ should explain why the specific regulatory thresholds are used (education and outreach) and to the maximum extent possible, reconcile discrepancies. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by providing examples, etc.>
- DEQ should pursue working with local government to incorporate an asbestos inspection check box on local building permits. <AAG members may clarify recommendation by providing a model checkbox, etc.>