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The Asbestos Control Program (program) discussed emergency notifications during its townhall meetings between January and February of this year. The program has received a couple of emergency permit notifications that have not met the minimum notification standards.

The program wants to remind contractors that ARM 17.74.358 states, "EMERGENCY RENOVATION OPERATION PERMITS (1) For an emergency renovation operation, as defined in 40 CFR 61.141, the asbestos project contractor or owner of the facility shall immediately notify the department by telephone, email or in person *and submit to the department, on a form provided by the department, a completed application* for an asbestos project permit pursuant to ARM 17.74.355 within five working days after the initial notice. (2) An application for an emergency renovation operation permit must include a description of the emergency renovation operation and must demonstrate that an emergency, as defined in 40 CFR 61.141, existed that prevented the asbestos project contractor or owner of the facility from applying for a permit prior to initiation of the project." (Emphasis added.) Remember to complete page 3 of the application which contains the section for emergency notification information when sending in emergency notifications.

40 CFR 61.141 states "Emergency renovation operation means a renovation operation that was not planned but results from a sudden, unexpected event that, if not immediately attended to, presents a safety or public health hazard, is necessary to protect equipment from damage, or is necessary to avoid imposing an unreasonable financial burden. . ." 40 CFR 61.145(b)(xv) states, "For emergency renovations described in paragraph (a)(4)(iv) of this section, *the date and hour that the emergency occurred*, a description of the sudden, unexpected event, and an explanation

of how the event caused an unsafe condition, or would cause equipment damage or an unreasonable financial burden." (Emphasis added.)

Remember, an emergency renovation notification MUST contains three elements:

1. Date the emergency occurred
2. The hour the emergency occurred
3. An explanation of how the event caused an unsafe condition, or would cause equipment damage or an unreasonable financial burden.

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