

Asbestos Control Program | Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Rules Amendment and Repeal | Comment Period Closes January 12, 2024

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Rulemaking Background: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing several amendments to Title 17, chapter 74 of the Administrative Rules of Montana, pertaining to the Montana Asbestos Control Act (ACA) at Title 75, chapter 2, part 5, MCA.

In 2015, the Montana Legislature created an Asbestos Advisory Group tasked, in part, with making regulatory recommendations to the DEQ concerning DEQ's asbestos rules. DEQ is proposing to amend several administrative rules to implement recommendations made by the Asbestos Advisory Group, to reflect current best management practices for asbestos-containing material, to incorporate suggestions made by the regulated community, and to repeal four rules in keeping with the Governor's regulatory reform initiative. In August 2023, DEQ released a draft proposal and held two informal public stakeholder meetings to solicit input on the proposed rule package, answer questions, and address concerns. DEQ is not proposing to raise fees through this rulemaking.

Opportunity to Comment: On January 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., DEQ will hold a public hearing in Room 111 of the Metcalf Building, 1520 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, Montana, to consider the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules. Interested parties may also attend the hearing electronically in the following ways:

Join Zoom Meeting:

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You are invited to submit data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; faxed to (406) 444-4386; or e-mailed to DEQAsbestosRule@mt.gov, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., January 12, 2024.

Associated Materials:

MAR Notice No. 17-436: Issue 23 of the 2023 MAR starting on page 1660 to 1690.

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