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The Department of Environmental Quality Asbestos Control Program (DEQ) requested and reviewed project paperwork during the last year, pursuant to ARM 17.74.354(2), ARM 17.74.360, and ARM 17.74.361 (1) b.

Recently, some requests for paperwork have been returned, lacking all the requested material; specifically, the final visual and air clearance results. DEQ would like to remind all contractors and consultants that the final visual and air clearance reports are covered under the provisions of ARM 17.74.357(3)h, which states, "The results of the final visual inspection and final air clearance sampling and testing must be maintained by the asbestos contractor and by the person who performed the sampling and must be made available to the department within five working days of a request for results."

Consultants who are concerned about the release of information to contractors should clarify this issue with the owner prior to the initiation of a working agreement, stressing the regulatory requirement as found above. Contractors who have documented their attempts to retrieve the required material and have not been able to obtain it should contact DEQ for assistance in retrieval and regulatory enforcement assistance.

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