



"Asbestos was used in almost every public and commercial building constructed before the 1980s in the United States (1)." The Environmental Protection Agency has since established regulations that require school systems to inspect for damaged asbestos and eliminate or reduce the exposure by removing the asbestos or encasing it.

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

PROJECT FACT SHEET

Is there asbestos abatement happening on the construction site?

Yes, asbestos fibers are commonly found in a variety of building materials. During the demolition phase, DMY Capitol, LLC ("DMY") will identify potential harmful materials and properly dispose of them prior to continuing with construction at the worksite.

How does the community benefit from this program?

The safe and effective removal of all hazardous and asbestos containing materials from the site prior to the general demolition will eliminate the risk of offsite migration of any asbestos fibers.

What is the process for containing and disposing of hazardous materials?

The contractor constructed a containment work zone using 6-mil polyethylene plastic sheeting with spray adhesive, double-sided tape, and duct tape to facilitate a negative pressure environment and to remove previously undisturbed materials.

Did the project team share the asbestos abatement plan with the District's asbestos abatement program?

Yes, the contractor secured an asbestos abatement permit through the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) Air Quality Division.

What are the air quality control measures both inside and outside of the building?

Inside of Thurgood Marshall School, readings were maintained to ensure that there is no release of containments within the facility. While ACM mastic was abated from the roof, outside air ambient samples were collected to ensure no contamination of the outside environment in general accordance with Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standard 29 CFR 1926.1101, using procedures outlined in the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) 7400 Method.

What security and safety measures are in place to keep people out of harm's reach?

The contractor placed asbestos warning signs on the entrances to work areas. All ground level building openings are secured and the contractor was engaged to install 1,500 lf of fencing around Thurgood Marshall School. Engineering controls included the use of monitoring equipment, negative pressure work areas, HEPA filters, wet methods, and other equipment to ensure containment.

What were the materials that were being piled outside of Thurgood Marshall School?

The materials piled outside of the facility were the result of illegal dumping and were transported from the site.

What is the asbestos abatement project timeline?

The contractor completed asbestos abatement work on **Thursday, September 19** and is demobilizing.

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