



## GUIDE TO DHS 159 ASBESTOS RULE REVISIONS: Rule Revisions for Certified Asbestos Project Designers

The newly revised asbestos rule, DHS 159, will affect Wisconsin Certified Asbestos Project Designers. To download a copy of the new rule, visit our website at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/asbestos](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/asbestos).

The rule becomes effective on May 1, 2009.

### **New Training and Certification Provisions**

- Your initial training and your current project designer certification remain valid. However, you must take your next refresher training in Wisconsin. Out-of-state refreshers will no longer be acceptable.
- *Provisional Certification:* Under the old rule you had to wait until you received your certification card before you could conduct regulated asbestos work. The new rule includes 'provisional certification' that allows you to perform regulated asbestos work as long as you have completed required training and submitted your application with fee. Provisional certification is good for up to 30 calendar days from the date you complete training and requires you to carry your training certificate with you when performing regulated work.
- *New Certification Fee:* Beginning May 1, 2009, \$175 per year.
- *Company Certification Required:* Under the new rule all project designers must be associated with (own or work for) a Certified Asbestos Company, including one-person operations. Company certification will be required beginning on August 1, 2009 and has a \$400 fee for a 2-year certification. Satellite offices will be \$200 for a 2-year certification.

### **Recordkeeping**

- All records related to your asbestos project design activities must be kept for at least 3 years.
- Records required to be retained include:
  - any written contracts for your asbestos work
  - asbestos project designs

### **More Information**

Visit our asbestos website at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/asbestos](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/asbestos) for more information.

For information on other agencies' asbestos regulations visit these websites:

EPA: [www.epa.gov/opptintr/asbestos](http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/asbestos)

OSHA: [www.osha.gov/SLTC/asbestos](http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/asbestos)

WI DNR: [www.dnr.wi.gov/air/compenf/asbestos](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/air/compenf/asbestos).