

Occupational Authorizations

for the meeting of the

ALC-OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 1:30 PM

Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AIR MONITOR

Authorization Type: Certification # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Office of Air Quality, Asbestos Program

Scope of Practice: The scope of practice for the Asbestos Abatement Air Monitor is to collect airborne samples for analysis of asbestos fibers and/or measure the airborne fiber concentration of specific quantities of air for asbestos over a given amount of time at the conclusion of any demolition, renovation or asbestos response action for which containment was used.

Statutory Requirement(s): The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) enacted by the United States Congress in 1986 required states to adopt a state accreditation program for personnel working in asbestos activities. In addition, AHERA mandates inspection requirements for schools; however DEQ is not delegated this portion of AHERA.

The Asbestos Program was initiated in Arkansas in 1982 when EPA delegated authority to DEQ to enforce the Asbestos NESHAP. The delegation authorized DEQ to regulate the abatement of asbestos-containing material from all structures which meet the definition of the term “facility”. 20 CAR pt. 860 Arkansas Asbestos Abatement Rule established state requirements to administer and enforce a licensing program for Abatement Contractors, Consultants, and Training Providers and a certification program for Air Monitors, Contractors/Supervisors, Inspectors, Management Planners, Project Designers, and Workers as required by AHERA, ASHARA, and the MAP. In addition, 20 CAR pt. 860 established a state requirement to enforce standards for demolitions, renovations, and disposal of regulated asbestos-containing materials to limit emissions of asbestos as required by the Asbestos NESHAP.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member’s spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

Yes

Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Initial Certification	\$115.00	Once
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Administrative Rules Documents

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Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR/SUPERVISOR

Authorization Type: Certification # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Office of Air Quality, Asbestos Program

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ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR/SUPERVISOR (Continued)

Scope of Practice: The scope of practice for the Asbestos Abatement Contractor/Supervisor is to supervise activities with respect to friable asbestos containing materials in a facility including a response action other than a small-scale short-duration activity, a maintenance activity that disturbs friable asbestos containing material, or a response action for a major fiber release episode.

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The Asbestos Model Accreditation Plan (MAP) 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 763, Subpart E, Appendix C mandates personnel working on asbestos activities in schools and public buildings to be trained and accredited in accordance with the MAP. In addition, to establishing the minimum number of training hours required for the personnel to have that conduct asbestos activities in schools and public buildings. Arkansas was the first certification and licensing program in EPA Region 6 and was used as one of the models by EPA in developing the MAP. EPA granted DEQ approval in May 1998 for all training disciplines (worker, inspector, contractor/supervisor, management planner, and project designer) covered under the MAP.

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ASBESTOS ABATEMENT WORKER

Authorization Type: Certification # of Individuals Regulated:

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Scope of Practice: The scope of practice for the Asbestos Abatement Worker is to carry out activities with the respect to friable asbestos containing material in a facility including a response action other than a small-scale

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short-duration activity, a maintenance activity that disturbs friable asbestos containing material, or a response action for a major fiber release episode.

Statutory Requirement(s): The Asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (Asbestos NESHAP) 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M established a federal requirement for standards of demolition and renovation related activities to limit emissions of asbestos. The Asbestos NESHAP also provides requirements including, but not limited to, notification requirements and waste disposal requirements. These requirements cover any institutional, commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building. Residential buildings with four or fewer dwelling units are exempt from the Asbestos NESHAP. In September 1981, EPA delegated the Asbestos NESHAP to DEQ and in March 1982 authorized DEQ to implement and enforce all future NESHAP requirements without a written request to EPA.

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) enacted by Congress in 1986 required states to adopt a state accreditation program for personnel working in asbestos activities. In addition, AHERA mandates inspection requirements for schools; however DEQ is not delegated this portion of AHERA.

The Asbestos Model Accreditation Plan (MAP) 40 CFR 763, Subpart E, Appendix C mandates personnel working on asbestos activities in schools and public buildings to be trained and accredited in accordance with the MAP. In addition, to establishing the minimum number of training hours required for the personnel to have that conduct asbestos activities in schools and public buildings. Arkansas was the first certification and licensing program in EPA Region 6 and was used as one of the models by EPA in developing the MAP. EPA granted DEQ approval in May 1998 for all training disciplines (worker, inspector, contractor/supervisor, management planner, and project designer) covered under the MAP.

The Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Reauthorization Act (ASHARA) of 1990 enacted by the United States Congress mandated EPA to increase the number of training hours required for training discipline under the MAP and expanded the accreditation requirements to cover asbestos abatement projects in all public and commercial buildings in addition to schools.

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Yes

Fees & Penalties

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Supporting Evidence Documents

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ASBESTOS INSPECTOR

Authorization Type: Certification # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Office of Air Quality, Asbestos Program

Scope of Practice: The scope of practice for the Asbestos Abatement Inspector is to inspect for asbestos containing material in a facility.

Statutory Requirement(s): The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) enacted by the United States Congress in 1986 required states to adopt a state accreditation program for personnel working in asbestos activities. In addition, AHERA mandates inspection requirements for schools; however DEQ is not delegated this portion of AHERA.

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ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLANNER

Authorization Type: Certification # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Office of Air Quality, Asbestos Program

Scope of Practice: The scope of practice for the Asbestos Abatement Management Planner is to prepare management plans for schools.

Statutory Requirement(s): The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) enacted by the United States Congress in 1986 required states to adopt a state accreditation program for personnel working in asbestos activities. In addition, AHERA mandates inspection requirements for schools; however DEQ is not delegated this portion of AHERA.

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ASBESTOS PROJECT DESIGNER

ASBESTOS PROJECT DESIGNER (Continued)

Authorization Type: Certification # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Office of Air Quality, Asbestos Program

Scope of Practice: The scope of practice for the Asbestos Abatement Project Designer is to design activities with respect to friable asbestos containing material in a facility including a response action other than a small-scale short-duration activity, a maintenance activity that disturbs friable asbestos containing material other than a small-scale short-duration activity, or a response action for a major fiber release episode.

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ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name: Office of Air Quality, Asbestos Program

Scope of Practice: The scope of practice for the Asbestos Abatement Contractor/Consultant is to act as an agent for an owner or operator in performing demolitions, renovations, air monitoring, and/or response actions which will involve, or may involve, the removal or disturbance of asbestos containing material in any facility.

Statutory Requirement(s): The Asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (Asbestos NESHAP) 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 61, Subpart M established a federal requirement for standards of demolition and renovation-related activities to limit emissions of asbestos. The Asbestos NESHAP also provides requirements including, but not limited to, notification requirements and waste disposal requirements. These requirements cover any institutional, commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building. Residential buildings with four or fewer dwelling units are exempt from the Asbestos NESHAP. In September 1981, EPA delegated the Asbestos NESHAP to DEQ and in March 1982 authorized DEQ to implement and enforce all future NESHAP requirements without a written request to EPA.

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Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	License Fee for Asbestos Abatement Contractor	\$375.00	Annually
Fee	License Fee for Asbestos Abatement Consultant	\$375.00	Annually

Administrative Rules Documents

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Rules	20CARpt.860.pdf

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

ASBESTOS TRAINING PROVIDER

Authorization Type: Licensure # of Individuals Regulated:

ASBESTOS TRAINING PROVIDER (Continued)

Entity Division Name: Office of Air Quality, Asbestos Program

Scope of Practice: The scope of practice for a Training Provider is to conduct some or all of the training programs for asbestos professional disciplines.

Statutory Requirement(s): The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) enacted by the United States Congress in 1986 required states to adopt a state accreditation program for personnel working in asbestos activities. In addition, AHERA mandates inspection requirements for schools; however DEQ is not delegated this portion of AHERA.

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ALC – Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee
Occupational Entity Questionnaire

Responses to the following questions are due via email to Subcommittee staff no later than the 15th of the month immediately preceding the month the occupational authorization is scheduled for review by the Subcommittee.

1. Would consumers be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization? Yes, Arkansas residents would be at risk of substantial harm if there was no regulatory oversight of licensing for asbestos abatement and disposal. What instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year? While there have been no documented instances of harm, asbestos exposure can pose significant health risks if inhaled. These risks include scarring of the lungs, known as asbestosis, and the development of mesothelioma.
2. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by unauthorized practitioners? None.
What specific action was taken by the occupational entity? N/A
3. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by authorized practitioners? For FY 2026, 28 complaints were reported to the occupational entity.
What specific action was taken by the occupational entity?
DEQ investigated the 28 complaints, 6 resulted in formal enforcement actions (Consent Administrative Orders), 7 resulted in Notices of Potential Compliance Letters, and the remaining 15 complaints had no findings of noncompliance.
4. Were any applicants who otherwise met authorization requirements denied an authorization in the past year? If so, why? No.
5. How much does the occupational entity collect annually in fees, and what are annual expenses? The Asbestos Program annually collects \$276,000 in fees and expenses total to \$220,000.
How much money does the occupational entity have in reserves? \$1.7 million
6. If the occupational entity has a positive amount in reserves, when was the last time reserve funds were used? FY2018 For what purpose? Reserve funds were used to issue grants to cities and counties with buildings in need of asbestos remediation/abatement.

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7. Does the occupational entity have any other sources of revenue? A negligible amount of revenue is collected through assessed civil penalties.
Could occupational authorization fees be reduced without causing the occupational entity to be underfunded? If fees were reduced, the program would be operating on reserves. The program continues to incur expenses related to the customized software solution being used to modernize the licensing process.
8. How many applicants for the occupational authorization fail each year? The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), does not administer the test for this occupational authorization.
Does the occupational entity track how many applicants that do not progress are veterans, women, or minorities? No.
9. Can applicants complete the training requirements for this occupational authorization with vocational or non-traditional education (e.g., apprenticeships)? What percentage of applicants complete apprenticeships? No, the requirements do not allow for vocational training or apprenticeships.
10. In what ways would removal of the occupational authorization or reduction of occupational authorization requirements be harmful to current authorization holders? The removal of this certification eliminates oversight on individuals performing asbestos abatement activities. The certification meets EPA's requirements established by the 1986 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and the 1990 Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Reauthorization Act (ASHARA).