

Midwest Environmental Consulting Services, Inc.

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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Asbestos Abatement

1. **Even though the building has asbestos is it safe to occupy?**
 - a. Yes
2. **Will my family or I be exposed to asbestos during the asbestos removal?**
 - a. No, all work is done within a contained negative pressure environment.
3. **Is it safe to be in the building while they are removing asbestos in the crawlspace?**
 - a. Yes, work will be completed using glovebags and negative pressure.
4. **How does the contractor know what to do?**
 - a. Through meetings with the Park District, Architect, and Midwest Environmental Consulting Services, Inc. (MEC), a scope of work was defined for the contractor to follow.
5. **How do we know if the contractor is qualified?**
 - a. The contractor is licensed by the State. All workers have attended classes and are licensed by the State to do asbestos abatement.
6. **Has the contractor completed other projects similar to this successfully?**
 - a. The contractor has successfully completed many projects for MEC over the last ten years or so.
7. **How do we know that the contractor is doing a good job?**
 - a. The Park District has hired Midwest Environmental Consulting Services, Inc. (MEC) to conduct project management and air quality testing for the duration of the project. MEC's Project Manager/Air Sampling Professional is licensed by the State to supervise asbestos abatement projects.
8. **Why do we have asbestos signs up during abatement?**
 - a. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that signage be in place for the duration of the project.
9. **Will the work areas be accessible to building occupants during the renovation?**
 - a. No, the asbestos abatement contractor will regulate each area so nobody will be able to access the work area other than authorized individuals.
10. **How do we know the air quality is acceptable?**
 - a. The Park District has hired MEC to monitoring the project and the air quality at all times.

- 11. When do we know if the area is safe to access?**
 - a. The environmental consultant will run clearance air samples prior to tear down. All clearance air samples are sent to an independent accredited laboratory for analysis. Once clearance samples are read, the consultant will allow the contractor to tear down the work area.
- 12. If they are venting the areas to the outdoors, is that vented air contaminated with asbestos?**
 - a. No, the air is filtered through HEPA filters prior to be exhausted to the outside of the building.
- 13. Where will the asbestos waste be kept?**
 - a. The abatement contractor will have a sealed lockable dumpster onsite for the asbestos waste. The dumpster will have asbestos signs posted.