On April 20, 2016, the Environmental Quality Commission adopted amended rules concerning a requirement that an accredited inspector inspect a residential property for asbestos before the property owner or operator demolishes the property.

**Summary**

EQC adopted rule amendments requiring an owner or operator to have an accredited inspector perform an asbestos survey before demolishing a residential building. The rules will implement Senate Bill 705 and make permanent a temporary rulemaking that the Environmental Quality Commission approved Dec. 9, 2015.

In addition, the rules contain exceptions to the survey requirement for residential buildings constructed after Jan. 1, 2004, and for demolitions where the owner or operator treats the entire building as friable asbestos containing material. The rules also allow DEQ to consider, on a case-by-case basis, a written request for a waiver from the survey requirement. Finally, the rules require the owner or operator to submit the asbestos survey report to DEQ, upon DEQ’s request.

**Additional Information**

You can view documents concerning this rulemaking at the links below. The EQC staff report for these rules contains three versions of the adopted rules; one with changes marked by colored text, one in the final version without any markup and one that shows changes from the prior permanent rules. You can view the staff report at this link: [Asbestos Program Updates Staff Report](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/EQC/Documents/2016/042116eqcItemC.pdf). To see additional information about the rulemaking, you can view the rulemaking web page at: [SB 705 Asbestos Survey Rulemaking](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/RulesandRegulations/Pages/2015/rasbestos2015.aspx). .

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