

What Are Small-Scale, Short Duration Asbestos Activities?

Small-scale, short duration activities (SSSD) are tasks such as, but not limited to:

1. Removal of asbestos-containing insulation on pipes.
2. Removal of small quantities of asbestos-containing insulation on beams or above ceilings.
3. Replacement of an asbestos-containing gasket on a valve.
4. Installation or removal of a small section of drywall.
5. Installation of electrical conduits through or proximate to asbestos-containing materials.

SSSD can be further defined by the following considerations:

1. Removal of small quantities of asbestos-containing materials only if required in the performance of another maintenance activity not intended as asbestos abatement.
2. Removal of asbestos-containing thermal system insulation, not to exceed amounts greater than those which can be contained in a single glove bag.
3. Minor repairs to damaged thermal system insulation which do not require removal.
4. Repairs to a piece of asbestos-containing wall board.
5. Repairs, involving encapsulation, enclosure or removal, to small amounts of friable asbestos-containing materials only if required in the performance of emergency or routine maintenance activity and not intended solely as asbestos abatement. Such work may not exceed amounts greater than those which can be contained in a single prefabricated mini-enclosure. Such an enclosure shall conform spatially and geometrically to the localized work area, in order to perform its intended containment function.