

**South Coast Air Quality Management District
Executive Order 07-02**

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of California has proclaimed a State of Emergency resulting from widespread fires and high winds commencing on or about October 21, 2007, such proclamations occurring on October 21, 2007, for areas including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's proclamations declared that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within these Counties caused by the wildfires and high winds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 118(d)(1), I find and determine and hereby declare that strict compliance with provisions of Rule 301(n) (asbestos notification fee), Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(i)(I) (time schedule – 10 day notice for demolition or renovation activities), Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(iii) (emergency demolition additional information), and Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(iv) (emergency renovation additional information) would delay critical actions necessary to protect public health and safety, clean-up, and repair work needed to remediate the effects of the emergency.

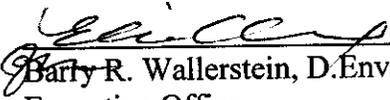
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Rule 118(d)(1) of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, I hereby suspend the provisions of the following rules of the South Coast Air Quality Management District for clean-up and repair work resulting from the wildfires and high winds commencing on or about October 21, 2007, in the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino:

Rule 301(n)
Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(i)(I)
Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(iii)
Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(iv)

The suspension of provisions of Rule 1403 shall be on condition that persons subject to that rule shall provide notice to the District by telephone, as soon as possible but prior to any demolition or renovation activity, and shall follow up with a written notification to the District postmarked or delivered within 48 hours of the telephone notification or the following business day. All notifications shall include the information required by Rule 1403(d)(1)(B)(ii).

This suspension shall be in effect for a period concluding at 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2007, or upon the termination of the Governor-declared State of Emergency, whichever is earlier.

Dated: October 25, 2007


Barry R. Wallerstein, D.Env.
Executive Officer

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION GUIDELINES FOR STATE DECLARED EMERGENCIES

After a major fire or earthquake, many buildings will require debris removal or demolition. Be aware that buildings constructed prior to 1984 may have asbestos-containing materials (ACM)*. Even buildings constructed after 1984 can contain some asbestos. Materials that may contain asbestos include roofs, floor tiles, acoustic ceilings, insulation, sound proofing, cement pipes, heating ducts, pipe coverings and others.

To aid the disaster recovery, AQMD has streamlined its asbestos notification procedures by temporarily waiving the fees and the waiting period for all cleanups in the AQMD basin resulting from the wildfires that began on or about October 21, 2007.

GUIDELINES FOR CLEANUP

- Avoid mixing of asbestos-containing materials with other debris. Use adequate wetting for all debris removals and demolitions. For wetting, use a dispenser or water hose with a nozzle for a fine, low-pressure spray or mist. Where necessary, use water mixed with wetting agent.
- Where ACM is *suspected* to be mixed with debris, the debris may be assumed to be ACM and should be adequately wetted, wrapped in thick plastic sheeting ("burrito-wrapped") and disposed of as ACM. A survey by a certified consultant may be conducted to separate ACM from other debris in order to reduce the amount of debris that needs to be disposed of as ACM.
- Where ACM is *known* to be present, the debris should be stabilized by wetting and covering with plastic sheeting until it is removed.
- Suspected or known ACM must be removed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor and disposed of at a landfill approved to receive asbestos. Some exemptions may apply to an owner-occupant of a single-family house who plans to conduct their own cleanup. Contact AQMD for details.

NOTIFICATIONS

- Contractors, owners, or operators are responsible for notifying AQMD prior to proceeding with asbestos removals and/or demolitions. "No person shall remove or strip ACM or Class II nonfriable ACM that has suffered damage from fire, explosion, or natural disaster without the use of a Procedure 5 Approved Alternative" (Rule 1403).
- Indicate "Emergency-related" on the top of the standard notification form. If a building has been condemned by a city or county agency, indicate this fact in the notification.
- Asbestos notification forms can be obtained by calling (909) 396-2336 or from AQMD's website (www.aqmd.gov). Fax the completed form to (909) 396-3342 or mail to AQMD Asbestos Program, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178.
- If a previously submitted notification needs revisions due to the emergency, the contractor can fax a revised notification without a fee.
- Contact the State of California, Department of Toxic Substances Control for disposal and transport of asbestos-containing materials at (818) 551-2800.

For more information call AQMD at (909) 396-2336. For information about licensed contractors contact State Licensing Board or call AQMD.

*By definition, asbestos-containing material (ACM) is a material containing more than 1% asbestos.



Office of the Governor

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR

PRESS RELEASE

10/21/2007 GAAS:835:07 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Governor Schwarzenegger Proclaims State of Emergency in Southern California Counties Due to Wildfires

Governor Schwarzenegger tonight proclaimed a State of Emergency in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura due to more than eleven major wildfires. Throughout the region, more than 30,000 acres have already burned, and more areas are threatened. The wildfires have caused the loss of human life and serious injuries. They have burned a number of homes, businesses and other structures. Residents have been evacuated in dangerous areas.

The Governor's emergency proclamation allows the state Office of Emergency Services (OES) to deploy emergency personnel, equipment and facilities and provide local government assistance under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act. Below is the full text:

A PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS on October 21, 2007, there are more than eleven major wildfires burning in southern California; and

WHEREAS the wildfires are being driven by dry conditions and high winds, and these conditions are expected to continue for several days; and

WHEREAS more than 20,000 acres have already burned, and more areas are threatened; and

WHEREAS the wildfires have already caused the loss of human life and serious injuries; and

WHEREAS homes, businesses and other structures have burned; and

WHEREAS residents have been evacuated in many communities and several highways and local roads have been closed; and

WHEREAS the wildfires have disrupted a major electrical transmission line and caused power outages; and

WHEREAS on October 21, 2007, my Office of Emergency Services requested federal Fire Management Assistance Grants for many of the fires to ensure that adequate financial resources are available to rapidly attack the fires and reimburse critical emergency response costs; and

WHEREAS some counties have already issued local proclamations of emergency regarding the wildfires, requesting that I issue a state proclamation of emergency, and more local proclamations of emergency are anticipated; and

WHEREAS these wildfires, by reason of their magnitude, are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8558(b) of the California Government Code, I find that, because of the wildfires, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, section 8625 of the California Government Code, HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY to exist within the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of my Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the State Emergency Plan, and that OES provide local government assistance under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of October 2007.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN

Secretary of State