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## NEWS

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### **SCAQMD Launches Investigation Following Disturbance of Asbestos-Containing Material at Senior Apartments in Mission Hills**

South Coast Air Quality Management District inspectors have initiated an investigation into the disturbance of asbestos-containing material in a senior apartment complex in Mission Hills.

SCAQMD on Friday dispatched inspectors to the Reflections apartments at 10050 Sepulveda Blvd. after receiving a complaint of asbestos-containing material being disturbed in ceiling material. Ceiling material was removed and disturbed following water damage at the apartments earlier this week, SCAQMD officials said.

“Older buildings can contain asbestos in ceiling tiles, “popcorn” ceilings and many other building materials,” said Wayne Natri, SCAQMD’s executive officer. “Our asbestos regulations require strict protective measures to ensure that these asbestos-containing materials do not contaminate the environment during all demolition, remodeling and clean-up activities.”

Late Friday, SCAQMD collected samples of disturbed, asbestos-containing material for testing at its air quality laboratory in Diamond Bar. Inspectors also issued a Notice to Comply to property manager McCormack Baron Companies based in Los Angeles. The notice requires the company to have a certified asbestos consultant conduct a contamination survey, secure and stabilize all affected areas and submit a cleanup plan for those affected areas to SCAQMD for its approval.

SCAQMD has notified and is coordinating with the Los Angeles County Fire Department’s Health and Hazardous Materials team, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) to ensure that public health is protected. SCAQMD’s investigation of the matter is ongoing.

Information on SCAQMD’s asbestos program can be found at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/compliance/asbestos-demolition-removal>. Information on asbestos and its health effects can be found at the federal Agency for Toxic

Substances & Disease Registry website at  
<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tf.asp?id=29&tid=4>.

The SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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