THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

Asbestos Management
POLICY:

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

Scope:

Over the years, asbestos has been used in many products here in this country including many building materials. Therefore when building projects are proposed here at USM including renovation projects and material removal (floor surfaces, ceiling tile, etc.), the following standard operating procedure shall be followed by all USM units. This SOP also applies to spaces leased by USM.

1.0 Floor Tiles

1. Removal: The removal of intact asbestos containing floor tiles in a non-aggressive method, using infrared tile lift machines or heat guns, where floor tile comes up whole, is permitted.

2. Waste: Is subject to State DEP regulations and shall be managed accordingly (proper disposal). See USM’s waste protocol for bagging, collection, and/or waste stream disposal. Friable and/or in need of removal not possible by the above, an abatement contractor shall be used and waste disposal shall be in accordance with State of Maine DEP solid waste regulations.

2.0 Other Asbestos Containing Materials

1. Ceiling tiles, piping wrap, insulation, etc., is to be managed according to defined DEP/OSHA protocols.

2. Questionable items/materials – please follow the following USM protocol:

   a) Call the University Environmental Health & Safety Office for past asbestos testing conducted. Note: UEH&S keeps and maintains a matrix on all known building asbestos testing. If no information is on record, go to SOP #2.

   b) Call USM Facilities Management and check to see if any projects have been done in areas in question. If records show no past projects conducted, proceed to SOP #3.

   c) Call University Environmental Health & Safety and request that testing be done to determine asbestos presence, and wait for the testing results before proceeding with any project.