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**What does the Division require for the Air Monitoring Specialist (AMS) to provide “written notification” to the General Abatement Contractor (GAC) that an abatement containment has passed final clearance requirements?**

In January of 2021, Colorado Regulation No. 8, Part B was revised, with the new requirements becoming effective on March 17, 2021. Included in the revised regulatory language is the following section:

*III.P.1.a. The AMS must provide written notification to the GAC that the abatement work area has met final visual clearance standards and passed final air clearance sampling, as required in Sections III.P.1 and III.P.3. The Final Clearance Report must include:*

*III.P.1.a.(i) The name and address or location of the structure(s) and the exact location in the structure of the work area that was cleared, the permit number, and phase of abatement (if a multi-phase permit applies).*

*III.P.1.a.(ii) Date and time final clearance standards were met.*

*III.P.1.a.(iii) The certified asbestos air monitoring specialist’s name, signature, certification number, asbestos consulting firm name, contact information and registration number.*

*III.P.1.a.(iv) The analyst’s name and signature. The asbestos laboratory’s name, contact information and registration number (if applicable).*

*III.P.1.a.(v) Date of analysis, sample numbers, and fiber or structure concentrations of each sample.*

In addition to the regulatory language, the Statement of Basis and Purpose (SBAP) further explained the rationale for the requirement:

*Clearing Abatement Projects (Section III.P.)*

*Section III.P.1.*

*The Commission added additional language requiring Air Monitoring Specialists (AMS) who conduct clearance sampling at abatement projects to provide written notification of the clearance to the General Abatement Contractor (GAC). The purpose of this is to ensure there is no miscommunication between the AMS and GAC, and that the GAC has written documentation that the site has been cleared. This written documentation may be provided to the building owner. This is a final step before releasing the abated area back to the general public, so proper communication is crucial.*

The key point is the sentence “The purpose of this is to ensure there is no miscommunication between the AMS and GAC, and that the GAC has written documentation that the site has been cleared.”

The Division acknowledges that the required Final Clearance Report may take time to complete (including obtaining laboratory documents) and that it could be overly burdensome to the owner and GAC if the final report was required prior to releasing an abatement containment. Therefore, the Division will allow for an interim written notification, from the AMS to the GAC, including the date the project passed clearances so that the GAC may conduct the tear-down of the containment components pursuant to Section III.Q.

This interim written notification could be an email, text or other **written** communication from the AMS to the GAC that the abatement work area has met final visual clearance standards and passed final air clearance sampling. The GAC must retain this interim notification until the Final Clearance Report is received from the AMS.