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Dear Contractors:

Please be advised, as of November 21, 2012, several changes to the Cook County Environmental Ordinance will go into effect, below is a summary of those changes.

**Asbestos Abatement Permits:**

1. Special Use Permits and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) permits have been combined and now have the same application procedures. The new filing fee for these permits for healthcare facilities and schools is \$500; the filing fee for commercial and/or industrial buildings is \$1,000. The inspectional fees will remain unchanged (\$6 per square foot and \$2 for linear foot). Summary reports of work completed, along with the relevant inspectional fees are due ever quarter for commercial and/or industrial buildings and every 6 months for healthcare facilities and schools.

To obtain an Operations and Maintenance Asbestos Removal Permit an applicant must submit a written request to the Director or his or her designee no less than 15 days prior to the scheduled start of the asbestos renovation project. This request shall include, but not be limited to, a completed Cook County notification form, an explanation of the unique circumstances involved in the project, schematic drawings and blueprints (when available) of the structure and the appropriate filing fee. Although an application may be submitted at any time, O&M permits are valid for one calendar year (the calendar year in which the permit was issued), January 1 – December 31.

2. A \$100 surcharge will be assessed to any emergency variance permit granted (asbestos abatement or demolition).
3. A copy of waste manifests and air monitoring/air clearance reports (when required by USEPA and/or IEPA regulations) are required to be submitted to the CCDEC within sixty (60) business days of the expiration of the asbestos removal permit for National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) abatement projects.

**Demolition Permits:**

In order to decrease the amount of construction and demolition debris being sent to landfills, the Cook County Board passed the Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance requiring all projects to divert 70% by weight of commercial and industrial projects and 70% by weight diversion requirement for residential properties, which includes a 5% reuse requirement. In addition, the fees for some demolition permits have been revised as well:

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The filing fee for demolition permits for commercial/industrial structures and residential buildings of five (5) units or more has been changed to \$600. The fees for single-family homes, garages, and residential structures of four (4) units or less have not been altered.

**Fines:**

Several fines have been introduced or revised. A summary of the new fine levels is below:

- The fine for not having a valid Illinois Department of Public Health (IPDH) abatement license has been increased from \$300 to \$1,000.
- The fine for not having a valid Demolition or asbestos-containing materials (ACM) abatement permit has been increased from \$500 to \$1,000.
- The fine for failing to submit a Demolition Debris Diversion report is \$1,000.
- The fine for filing a Demolition Debris Diversion report late (filing is considered late on the 11<sup>th</sup> day after the permit expiration date) is \$500.
- The fine for failing to complete required documentation for demolition debris diversion is \$1,000.
- The fine for failing to divert demolition debris as required is \$5,000.

**Definitions:**

CCDEC has added or revised our definitions for the following terms words or terms:

Adequately wet	Alteration
Applicant	Asbestos-containing material
Cutting	Demolition
Demolition Project	Permit Holder
Project	Strip
Structure	Structural Component
Structural Member	

For all definitions and the complete Cook County Environmental Ordinances, please go to the Environmental Control Department's website - <http://cookcountyil.gov/environment>. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CCDEC at 312-603-8200. There will be additional announcements about resources that CCDEC will be providing to make the changes to the environmental ordinance as seamless as possible.

Thank you,

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