INTRODUCTION

It is the intention of Eastern Washington University (EWU) to prevent inhalation of asbestos fibers by students, faculty, staff, and visitors while in University buildings. The University will provide and maintain facilities in such a manner that airborne asbestos is reduced to as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA).

TRAINING AND INFORMATION

EWU will provide training, personnel protective equipment, environmental and medical monitoring programs to ensure compliance to all federal, state, and local regulations. For additional information please see G01 Asbestos Management / O&M Plan.

MODIFICATION OF WORK AREAS

No work areas may be modified (drilling or cutting walls, floors, ceilings etc.) without an asbestos assessment or survey being conducted. Addition information is in the Building Renovations section below.

BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Before building renovations or demolition work, please refer to Guidance G02 Renovation and Demolition Work: Things to Consider before Work Begins: Asbestos Containing Material.

EMERGENCIES (FIBER RELEASE)

A fiber release episode is defined as the physical release of ACM visible on the floor or other surfaces, ACM that has been recently damaged, or an air sampling concentration of 0.01 fibers/cc or higher.

Only certified asbestos workers will be used to clean up fiber release episodes.

All employees are encouraged to report the presence of any suspected ACM on floors, water or physical damage, or any other evidence of possible fiber release to the Work Order Desk (2245), Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) (6697, 6455 or 2788) or the Asbestos Supervisor (6654).

See Asbestos Operation and Maintenance Plan Page 30 for more information.

REPORTING DAMAGED BUILDING MATERIALS THAT MAY CONTAIN ASBESTOS

Contact the Work Order Desk (2245) or EH&S (6697 or 6455) for a building material assessment.

CUSTODIAL FLOOR WORK

See Guidance G03 Maintenance of Asbestos Containing Floor Covering.