



To: EACO Mould Abatement Guideline Users

From: EACO Board of Directors

Re: Asbestos – Containing Drywall Joint Filling Compound

On behalf of the board of directors of the Environmental Abatement Council of Ontario, thank you for purchasing the “EACO Mould Abatement Guideline 2004 Edition I”. The mould abatement guideline was designed by professionals in the hazardous materials abatement industry and we are sure you will find it useful.

Since the mould abatement guideline was developed, the Ontario Ministry of Labour revised the existing regulation and issued the new Ontario Regulation 278/05 “Regulation Respecting Asbestos on Construction Projects and in Buildings and Repair Operations”. The new regulation came into affect on November 1, 2005 and one of the major changes included the requirement to identify and manage all non-friable asbestos – containing materials, including drywall joint filling compound.

The removal of drywall in which joint filling compounds that are asbestos – containing materials have been used is now an asbestos abatement project and falls within the requirements of Ontario Regulation 278/05. The removal of <1.0m² of drywall (where joint filling compounds are asbestos – containing) is classified as a Type I operation and the removal of >1.0m² of drywall (where joint filling compounds are asbestos – containing) is classified as a Type II operation. Based on our experience with non-friable asbestos – containing materials within Ontario, drywall joint filling compound installed in buildings up to 1985 may contain asbestos.

The “EACO Mould Abatement Guideline 2004 Edition I” does not make any provisions for handling mould contaminated drywall where the joint filling compounds that are asbestos – containing materials may have been used. For the abatement of mould-contaminated drywall, EACO recommends ensuring that mould abatement is conducted not only in accordance with the mould abatement guidelines but also in accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 278/05.

Should you require clarifications of the above, please visit our web site at www.eacoontario.com for a listing of member organizations that could provide further assistance.

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