

ADVISORY NO. 3.1: UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

In March of 1983, EPA published and distributed its Guidance for Controlling Friable Asbestos Containing Materials in Buildings. Since that publication, EPA has continued to revise and incorporate additional information regarding the use, handling, removal, abatement, and disposal of this material, a known human carcinogen.

In 1984, the Ohio Revised Code was amended to include regulations adopting the EPA guidelines as well as establishing certification requirements for those person performing abatement activities.

The University of Cincinnati is mandated to follow all Federal and State regulations. At this time, the Governor formed a task force to review state employers and state owned buildings status relative to asbestos-containing material. State employers were required to appoint an asbestos coordinator to assume responsibilities for state institutions' requirements compliance.

AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The University of Cincinnati has adopted an asbestos abatement management plan. Administrative authority and oversight of this program has been assigned to the Director of Environmental Health & Safety of University Health Services.

Furthermore, the University of Cincinnati has created a working committee, the Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee (HMAC) to serve as technical support in developing and reviewing policies and procedures involving environmental health and safety issues.

A second committee, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Joint Administration Faculty Environmental Oversight Committee addresses and brings forward to the President of the University, environmental issues which are not resolved through normal line functions. These two committees serve as advisors to Environmental Health & Safety.

Specific procedures to implement the requirements of the program are legislated by the State of Ohio, Department of Public Health and enforced by the Ohio EPA and local districts (SWOAPCA - Southwestern Ohio Air Pollution Control Association).

The Ohio Attorney General's office is responsible for codifying laws initiated through the House of Representatives and the Senate and signed by the Governor into appropriate sections of the Ohio Revised Code under the Ohio Administrative Code.