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To: **MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN TYPE 3 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT WORK**

From: Sarah VanDuzer, Manager, Standards and Assessment, MTCU

Re: Implementation of the new Asbestos Abatement Programs - Asbestos Abatement Worker 253W and Asbestos Abatement Supervisor 253S.

This memo is to advise you that the **Asbestos Abatement Worker 253W and Asbestos Abatement Supervisor 253S** programs were approved by MTCU and became effective as of February 19, 2007. As of November 1, 2007 all workers in Ontario who perform Type 3 Asbestos Abatement work and their supervisors must be certified as per O. Regulation 278/05 under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Programs 235W and 253S were developed by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) in consultation with industry experts from the Asbestos Abatement sector who are involved in Type 3 work and the Ministry of Labour. Each program consists of an on-the-job training component, an in-school training component and a MTCU Test.

To satisfy the requirements under O. Reg 278/05 the Type 3 worker and Type 3 supervisor **must** successfully complete the in-school training component of the program(s) and pass the MTCU Test(s). Completion of the on-the-job training component of the program(s) is **not** mandatory.

Please contact a local MTCU field office to obtain copies of the following documents for your information:

- A copy of the Program Guidelines for 253W which includes flow charts and information on Transitional Provision and Equivalency Recognition for 235W
- A copy of the Program Guidelines for 253S which includes flow charts and information on Transitional Provision and Equivalency Recognition for 235W,
- A set of Questions and Answers (Qs and As) for these programs,

Enclosed is a field office listing for your convenience. Thank you for your commitment to a safe work environment.

Sincerely,

Sarah VanDuzer
Manager, Standards and Assessment
MTCU - Program Development Unit

Attachments

CC: Asbestos Abatement Training Steering Committee, Asbestos Abatement Sub-Committee,