



Your Guide To: ACP5-Forms & Asbestos Inspection In NYC

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SUMMARY

What is an ACP-5 Form? A form required by New York City when obtaining a NYC Buildings Department Permit.

Who issues this? A certified NYC Asbestos Investigator.

Who can I contact? GAC Environmental is fully certified to perform Asbestos Inspections and issue ACP-5 forms.

What is an ACP-5 Form?

ACP-5 Forms are required by New York City for any renovation or demolition project. Anytime a building material is suspected of having asbestos that will be disturbed, an asbestos investigation must be performed. After the inspection is completed, the NYC Asbestos Investigator issues an ACP-5 Form certifying that: The suspect materials do not contain asbestos; the asbestos to be disturbed is less than 10 square feet or 25 linear feet; or that the identified asbestos will not be disturbed. Suspect materials can be roof components, floor tiles, brick, mortar, drywall, joint compound, plaster and hundreds of other items. If you have any suspicions about the material being disturbed, you should first contact a certified New York City Investigator. If there is a risk of the asbestos being disturbed then asbestos abatement is required before work begins.

Do I Need a NYC Asbestos Investigator?

An Asbestos Investigator is trained and certified by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). If you suspect that the work you are doing may disturb materials that could contain asbestos, then you are required by law to have an inspection. You are also required to hire an Asbestos Investigator if you are filing for a NYC Building Permit. Only investigators who are certified are allowed to submit the ACP-5 Form.

What Comprises an Asbestos Investigation?

An asbestos inspection begins with an investigator coming to the site, doing a visual inspection and sampling any suspect materials. If there is no asbestos found or the quantity is below 10 square feet or 25 linear feet, then they will issue an ACP-5 form. If there is more than that amount, asbestos removal must be done by a NYS licensed asbestos abatement contractor.

Asbestos Investigator Standards

Only individuals certified as asbestos investigators by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) can engage in building surveys and hazard assessments for asbestos. Such individuals have successfully demonstrated an ability to identify the presence of, and evaluate the condition of asbestos in buildings or structures. A non-certified individual may participate in an asbestos survey if they are supervised by a NYC certified investigator.

Recordkeeping Requirements

ACP-5 Forms are notifications and are not survey reports. Investigators must maintain adequate backup documentation. A detailed survey report is required for each and every asbestos survey. Asbestos investigators must maintain a permanent record for every asbestos building survey/hazard assessment they perform.

Seal

Any ACP-5 form, plan or report submitted to any client or any city, state, or federal agency must have the investigator's seal and signature affixed. This seal may be raised or in ink.



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