# Environmental Issues Related to Right of Ways

What do you need to know?











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RCRA Training
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Asbestos and Lead Abatement



Top 100 Pure Designers



Top 500 Design Firms



Top 150 Global Design Firms



Top 200 Environmental Firms



Top 20 General Building



**Facilities** 



**Environmental** 



Geotechnical



**Materials** 





Asbestos and Lead Abatement



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### Best at People Environmental Practice Areas

Due Diligence and Transactional Support

Hazardous Materials – Asbestos & Lead Paint Site
Characterization,
Investigation &
Remediation

Environmental Planning / Sustainability

Brownfields and Site Redevelopment

Industrial Hygiene

Regulatory Compliance

**Cultural Resources** 

Landscape Architecture, Planning and Design

Arizona - 70 Team Members

Engineers, Geologists, Archaeologists, Environmental Scientists, Planners, Landscape
Architects, Biologists, Sustainability Professionals



# What are some of the things we are going to talk about today?

# Environmental Review/ Environmental Clearance Actions

#### Hazardous Materials review

- Preliminary Initial Site Assessment (PISA)
- Asbestos
- Lead

#### More later!

- US Waters of the US
  - Biological review
- Archaeological review



### Hazardous Materials

Hazardous Material is any substance or material that has been determined to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, or property when transported in commerce.

Highest risk of encountering Hazardous Material contamination during construction:

- significant excavation or cuts greater than 1.5 feet (18 inches),
- vertical alignment changes,
- underpasses,
   trenching,
   tunneling,
   storm sewers,
- pipeline and underground utility installation or adjustments,
- confined spaces,
   de-watering



### General Hazardous Materials Issues

- Soil Contaminations
- UST's
- AST's
- Asbestos
- Lead















# Who is requiring Environmental Reviews?

When a Roadway Project is within a ROW where federal aid funds are used.

- ADOT
- Programmatic agreements with Tribes, Land management agencies, utilities
- City Street Transportation Department
- County Transportation Department
- Properties of Interest to be acquired:
  - for ROW purposes,
  - currently owned properties where design and installation of conduit, pull boxes, fiber, splice closures, and ethernet switches will occur or
  - future disposal of portions of no longer need properties.



- What is a PISA?
  - The primary assessment tool for the discovery and assessment of potentially impacted areas of interest for ADOT is the PISA – Preliminary Initial Site Assessment
- How can it help me?
  - Design constraints/modifications,
  - limits of disturbance,
  - determine precautions for construction workers,
  - reduce risk. Should be performed as early as possible in the project development in case changes in design, placement, or permitting need to take place.



- The components of the PISA include:
  - reviewing project design and right-of-way requirements
  - reviewing existing and previous land use
  - reviewing regulatory agency databases and files
  - performing project site visits or field surveys
  - determining the need for further investigation, considerations and/or coordination.
  - Title and lien searches
- Resources include:

Topographic Maps, Historic aerial photographs, Soil surveys, ROW maps and files, ADOT Temporary use of ROWs agreements, Environmental data base review



- Low vs High potential for encountering hazardous material contamination during construction.
- Results of PISA indicate if there was a Potential Environmental Condition (PEC) identified on site.
- Recommendations:
  - High Priority Phase I: Does all previous analysis require a more in-depth analysis that would be provided by the completion of a Phase I, to ASTM 1527-21 standard.
  - Medium Priority Phase I: Does all previous analysis provide the author with uncertainty of data conclusions but feels that a Phase I may or may not be needed to provide conclusive data.
  - Low Priority Phase I: Author feels some concern that additional information is needed by the completion of a Phase I, Environmental Site Assessment.
  - No additional survey required: Author feels that data collected and analyzed is sufficient to provide clearance for Hazardous Material for the project.



- What are some limitations?
  - If the project changes, the PISA needs to be re-evaluated,
  - does not give CERCLA liability protection,
  - can't be used as part of a due diligence process.



# Material containing asbestos or lead-based paint on ROWs

Both asbestos and lead are hazardous materials that require special work methods and handling to protect the worker and the environment.

- The paint on bridge structures and in road striping may contain lead.
- There is potential for asbestos in bridge rail gaskets and expansion joints as well as in structural concrete (structural concrete is used to construct load-bearing structures such as bridges, concrete box culverts, and culvert headwalls and wing walls).
- Pavement marking obliteration requires testing and possible permitting for removal.

A survey is needed to determine proper abatement, waste disposal and contractor safety considerations according to applicable regulations.

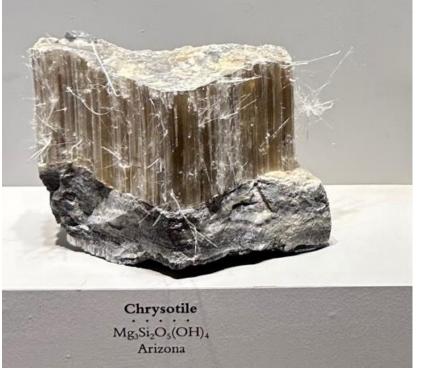


### What is Asbestos?

- Asbestos is a natural mineral.
- Mined throughout the world for thousands of years



Aerial of largest asbestos mine in the world. Asbest, Russia



**Raw form of Chrysotile Asbestos** 



**Various forms of Asbestos** 

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## Regulated Asbestos Minerals

(Used in Building Products)

Chrysotile
"White Asbestos"





Amosite
"Brown Asbestos"





Crocidolite
"Blue Asbestos"









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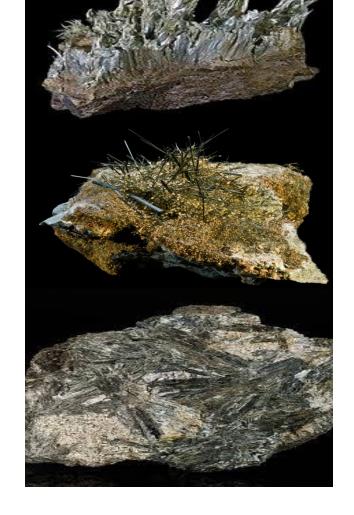
(not intentionally put in building products)

### **Tremolite**

(Contaminant in Vermiculite, Talc, Mastic)

### **Actinolite**

**Anthophyllite** 





# A Brief History

- Egyptians, Greeks and Romans
- Middle ages
- Industrial revolution
- Pre-World War II
- Post-World War II
- 1960's and 70's
- Today



1960's and 1970's housing boom



Egyptian mummy wrapped in asbestos cloth



Medieval armor insulated with asbestos cloth



Industrial Revolution, making of asbestos products

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## Are we ever going to ban this?

- The government has tried many times
  - 1972 Artificial Fireplace Block/Logs
  - 1973 Sprayed Applied Asbestos Products
  - 1978 Thermal System Insulations
  - 1990 Sheet Vinyl Flooring
  - 2019 SNUR (Significant New Use Rule)
  - 2023 ARBAN Bill (Proposed total ban, in congress right now)

#### BUT as of now, NO BAN, even on imports!!!!!!



### Is it still used?

- 1st quarter 2022 imports went up
  - 3 major industries:
  - Chlor-Alkali industry
  - Friction Industry
  - Gasket Industry

YEAR	METRIC TONS
2010	1,040
2011	1,180
2012	1,610
2013	772
2014	406
2015	325
2016	747
2017	332
2018	681
2019	172
2020	300
Source	

#### Source:

USGS National Minerals Information Center



## What are some common materials?



















Pipe and Tank Insulation

Silver roof coat

Fireproofing

Wall Texturing

Popcorn Ceiling

Wallboard systems



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### What are some common materials?













Floor Tile and Mastic
Sheet vinyl
Cement pipe
Roofing
Ceiling tiles
Fire Doors
Window Putty/Glazing
Gaskets





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### What are some common materials?









- Asphalt repair mastic
- Road Base
- Bridge Rail Pads
- Cement pipes (Culverts)
- Illegal dump site





## What regulations are out there?

- OSHA Worker Protection
  - 1971 (various updates)
    - Requires determination of presence, location, and quantity prior to <u>any</u> impact
- EPA AHERA (Schools K-12 Public or Private)
  - 1986
    - Requires 3-year inspection of schools
- EPA Clean Air Act (NESHAP)
  - 1973 (various updates)
    - Requires thorough inspection prior to <u>any</u> impact
    - Mainly about Waste Disposal





and Health Administration

## Local Regulations

- Arizona follows Federal NESHAP (except)
- Maricopa County
  - Rule 370
    - Adds some requirements
- Pima County
  - Local NESHAP
  - Notification
- Pinal County
  - Local NESHAP
  - Notification











## When is an inspection required?

The rules are simple:

### **Everything IS Asbestos until you prove it is not!**

- The only materials exempt for sampling are:
  - Fiberglass insulation
  - Glass
  - Wood
  - Metal

- No exemptions for:
  - Project size
  - Age of the building
  - Time
  - Money available
  - Etc.



# What if there was already an inspection?

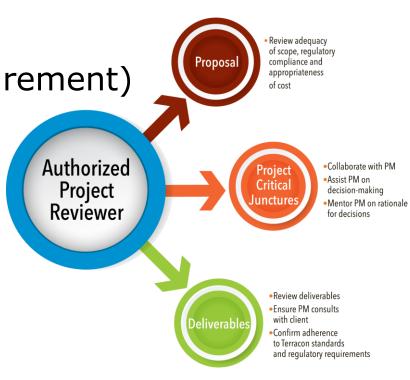
- Inspections are good indefinitely except.....
- New renovations/materials installed
- Areas not sampled previously and now impacted

- Maricopa county Rule 370 says:
  - If the survey found non friable ACM, report is only good for 5 years.
    - Inspect the non friable ACM to check the condition



# What does a good inspection report look like?

- Thorough Inspection
  - Are all the impacted materials sampled
  - Quantities included
  - All locations included
  - Current condition (Maricopa County requirement)
  - All Lab reports included
  - Clear drawings
  - All Inspector Certifications included
  - Review by experienced person
  - Good QA/QC program





## Who can do these inspections?

 Per OSHA, EPA, and Local Regulations only Certified AHERA Building Inspectors.

- Trained professionals
- Annual re-certifications
- Adherence to the regulation
- Professional liability
- Errors & Omissions Insurance









## Where do we find Lead?















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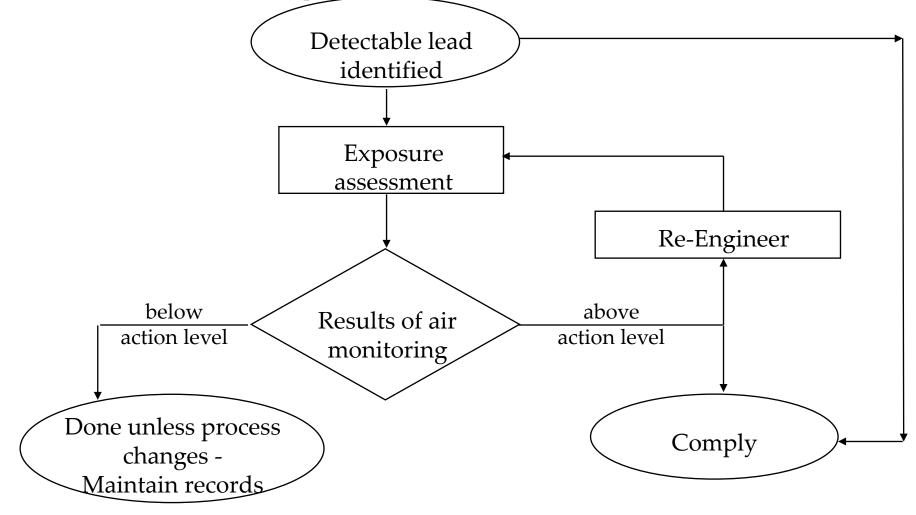


## Lead, that is heavy.....

- Lead is regulated by OSHA and EPA
  - OSHA Worker protection
  - EPA Environmental Protection
- OSHA PEL 50 μg/m³ (Air exposure)
- OSHA Regulatory Level: Any Detectable Level
- EPA Regulatory Level: 1mg/cm<sup>2</sup> or 0.5% or 5000ppm



# Steps for an Exposure Assessment





## Other ADOT requirements

When planning a ROW project ADOT has various Environmental Planning requirements (as do most States):

- Noise Assessment
- Biology & Clean Water Action Section 404/401
- Cultural Resources
- Material Source Guidance
- Water Resources
- Training

### Terracon can help with all of this, One Stop Shop



## Where do we go from here?

- Make sure you understand all the requirements for your project.
- Hire a professional company that knows the rules and has the experience.
- Price is not always the way to pick the right person.
- Where can Terracon support your ROW projects?



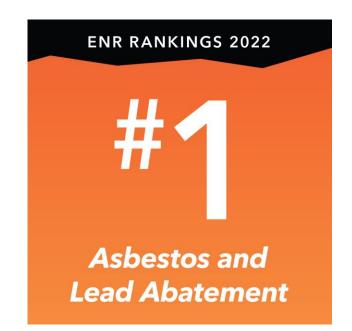
# What can Terracon do for you?

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50 states

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  - Local: Tempe, Avondale, Tucson
  - Providing services throughout the State
- Local environmental team
  - Training
  - Asbestos/Lead Inspections
  - Environmental Planning
  - Phase I/II
  - LSI
  - UST/Tank Pull
  - Site Investigation/Remediation Support







# Thank you!

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