

PART 6: SUBSTANCE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

ASBESTOS

Definitions	6.1	In sections 6.2 to 6.32 <i>"asbestos-containing material"</i> means any manufactured article or other material which contains 1% or more asbestos by weight at the time of manufacture, or which contains 1% or more asbestos as determined by WCB Method 0205 (dispersion staining, polarized light microscope) or x-ray diffraction; in the <i>National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety Manual of Analytical Methods, method 9002, Issue 2 (microscopy, stereo and polarized light, with dispersion staining)</i> or other method acceptable to the Board;
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Explanatory Note

The definition of *"asbestos-containing material"* in section 6.1 of the OHSR references "WCB method 0205" as a method for quantifying the amount of asbestos in bulk samples. With the elimination of the WCB lab in 2001, the Board no longer supports WCB sampling/analytical methods. It is proposed that reference to WCB method 0205 be replaced with a reference to NIOSH method 9002 or other method acceptable to the Board. The "other method acceptable to the Board" would allow for the use of electron microscopy and other techniques such as x-ray diffraction for difficult samples.