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Steward Observatory maintains records of all information required by 29 CFR 1910.1001 and information otherwise known concerning the presence, location and quantity of asbestos containing material, ACM, in all facilities. The Observatory will:

1. Provide, at no cost to employees who perform housekeeping operations in an area containing ACM an annual asbestos awareness-training course.
2. Make a copy of 29 CFR 1910.1001 and its appendices readily available without cost to all affected employees.
3. Provide, upon request, all materials relating to the employee information and the training program to appropriate regulatory officials.

Warning labels must be affixed to all raw materials, mixtures, scrap, waste, debris, and other products containing asbestos fibers, or to their containers. Labels are placed in areas noticed by employees who are likely to be exposed such as, at the entrance to mechanical room/areas. Signs may be posted instead of labels.

Provide and display warning signs at each regulated area and approaches to regulated areas so an employee may read the signs and take necessary protective steps before entering the area.

The most effective way to protect workers exposed beyond the permissible exposure limit, is to minimize exposure using engineering controls and good work practices.

An Asbestos Regulated Area is an area where employees may be exposed to airborne concentrations of fibers of asbestos. Each person entering a Regulated Area must be supplied with and required to use a respirator. Steward Observatory will supply respirators at no cost to the employee, and ensure they are used.

The Observatory will institute a medical surveillance program for employees who are or will be exposed to airborne concentrations of fibers of asbestos at or above the time weighted average (TWA) and/or excursion limit, consisting of initial and periodic (at least annual) examination. All medical examinations and procedures will be performed by or under the supervision of a licensed physician and provided without cost to the employee at a reasonable time and place.

If an employee discovers a new deposit of something that could be asbestos and it is not on the existing records, he or she shall notify his/her supervisor, who in turn will call U of A Risk Management Services to examine the site. U of A Risk Management Services will determine the best course of action which may be to call a professional firm to handle the situation or may be to follow certain guidelines and abate the problem.

For more information and the official University of Arizona documentation and procedures on this subject, please go to <https://risk.arizona.edu/occupational-safety/industrial-hygiene/asbestos>.