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**To:** Applicants for NC Asbestos Removal Project Permits

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**Subject:** Fee Increase Effective September 1, 2008

Over the last four years, to help cover rising operational costs and to allow the NC Asbestos Hazard Management Program (AHMP) to better pursue our goals of protecting public health and the environment, the HHCU has worked to remove or raise the \$300 fee limit for removals prior to demolitions by amending the AHMP Rules. Our attempts to follow the usual rule-making procedures were not successful. Therefore, at the recommendation of the Department of Health and Human Services, we requested a change to the fee structure through a legislative special provision. Subsequently, the North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation that allows for an increase in fee collection.

North Carolina General Statute §130A-450 now sets the maximum fee for an asbestos removal conducted as part of a demolition at \$1,500. For the purpose of fee collection, demolition is defined as the act of razing a building or structure, or portion thereof, to the ground.

This change in the AHMP General Statute supersedes the maximum fee of \$300 currently included in the AHMP Rules. Any permit application for asbestos removal prior to demolition submitted with a postmark date of September 1, 2008, or later, will be subject to a maximum fee of \$1,500. A revised "Asbestos Permit Application and Notification for Demolition/Renovation" which reflects the new fee requirement is available on the HHCU website: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/asbestos.html>.

If you have questions, or need additional information about this change, please contact the HHCU office at 919-707-5950.



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