



Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is committed to the highest standards of safety in all areas of operations, including the design and construction of the proposed Pavilion Project.

The first phase of the project includes preparation for demolition, including the removal of Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM) from the existing site. As is common in many buildings of similar age, various ACM were determined to be present in the Scholar Residence and Sloan House structures. As such we are performing asbestos removal (i.e., abatement) in strict accordance with City, State and Federal regulations, including:

- New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) Title 15: Department of Environmental Protection, Chapter 1: Asbestos Control Program
- New York State Department of Labor (NYS DOL), Industrial Code Rule 56
- United States Environmental Protection Agency Regulations (USEPA) and Asbestos National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)

Under these regulations, asbestos abatement contractors must follow strict rules and procedures when performing this work. These rules establish strict standards for personnel licensing, training, and certification requirements, government and occupant notification requirements, engineering controls, removal procedures, and air monitoring requirements. To perform this work, MSK has hired Asbestos Removal, Inc., a New York State Department of Labor-licensed asbestos abatement contractor.

Removal Procedures

To ensure that asbestos-containing materials are kept contained within the work site, our contractors will be taking the following precautions:

- Separating abatement areas from non-abatement areas using materials such as plastic sheeting.
- Only allowing licensed abatement personnel to enter the abatement work areas once the project begins.
- Wetting down materials during the removal process to minimize dispersal of asbestos fibers
- Immediate cessation of work if there are any visible emissions of asbestos materials from the work area or if elevated asbestos fiber levels are detected outside the work area during air monitoring. To resume work, contractors must check and, if damaged, repair barriers and clean the worksite area.



Air Quality Monitoring

Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) has hired a New York State Department of Labor-licensed third-party air monitoring firm Consulting and Testing Services, Inc., (DOL Lic. # 29705) to perform air monitoring to ensure that the asbestos regulations are followed and that fiber levels are within acceptable levels. The third-party air monitoring firm is required to be completely independent of all other firms involved in the asbestos project.

Given these precautions, the risk of any hazardous material escaping the site is extremely minimal. Should there be any work stoppage based on the release of hazardous materials due to abatement activities on the site, we will immediately inform the Construction Working Group or “CWG”, which includes the PS 183 Principal.

Throughout the project, our contractors will be held to the highest possible safety standards, and required to notify the NYCDEP, NYSDOL and USEPA with information about the asbestos removal project, including the locations of ACM to be removed, work schedule, and abatement procedures. The NYCDEP is expected visit the structures during the asbestos removal process to confirm that the work is being performed in accordance with the requirements of the regulations.

Abatements of this type are very common in construction projects across New York City. Nevertheless, MSK understands that the local community is concerned and therefore wants to assure everyone that all required and appropriate protocols are being followed. We are also launching a Construction Working Group with representatives from key community stakeholders, including local elected officials, the Community Board, the PS 183 community, and neighborhood associations.

MSK is committed to transparency, safety, and community engagement throughout this process.