

Guidance

For Importing/Accepting Excavated Soils or Rocks for Use on Your Site

Note: This guidance is provided for informational purposes only. The ultimate responsibility for compliance with the Rules is with the property owner. The property owner should review the Rules which are available on website or confirm compliance by calling the office.

Summary

The El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) regulates the export and disposition of excavated soils or rock generated from construction projects located in NOA¹ Review Areas. Export excavated soils and rocks generated from construction projects located in NOA Review Areas must be accompanied by a receipt containing information on the original location, including results of laboratory testing for NOA content. If no laboratory results are provided, and the material originated from a NOA Review Area, it must be assumed the exported material contains greater than 1% NOA and may be considered hazardous material.

When importing excavated material for fill or surfacing, for your protection and to minimize your liability you are advised to abide by the following guidance:

- Obtain the parcel number or address of the location where the material originated. If no receipt was provided, you should check the AQMD website, or call 530-621-7501 to confirm it did not originate in a NOA Review Area. This information may be obtained by using “Parcel Specific Query” or by viewing the “Asbestos Review Area” map (http://edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/Asbestos_Review_Map.aspx).

Note: If you find that material originated in a NOA Review Area and you were not provided with a receipt, please report the incident to the AQMD at 530-621-7501.

- Excavated soils and rocks which did **not** originate from a construction project located in a NOA Review Area do not need to be accompanied by a receipt and may be used **without restrictions**.
- Excavated soils and rocks from construction projects located in NOA Review Areas may be used **without** restrictions, if laboratory test results (attached to a receipt) demonstrate **less than 0.25% NOA**.
- If laboratory test results for excavated soils and rocks from construction projects located in NOA Review Areas indicate that NOA content is **equal to or greater than 0.25%** content, that material is **restricted** and cannot be used for surface applications. It must be covered and stabilized, depending on actual NOA content, pursuant to the post-construction mitigation requirements of Rule 223-2 (223-2.6.D and F). The Rule 223-2 and Guidance for Post-construction Mitigation are provided on the AQMD website (http://edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/Construction_Dust_Rules.aspx). If the delivered quantity of this material exceeds 20 cubic yards, you must prepare an Asbestos Dust Mitigation Plan (ADMP) and submit it to the AQMD for approval prior to the delivery.

Note: If your site is not located in the NOA Review Area and you accept excavated soils which contain or exceed 0.25% NOA, your parcel site may be added to the NOA Review Area.

- If imported soils or rocks originate from outside of the county, there is no receipt requirement. You must use your best judgment to determine if it is clean, so you do not contaminate your property.

Note: Some areas in Folsom have been designated by the Sacramento Metro AQMD as “Likely to Contain NOA”, but SMAQMD is currently not regulating exported soils.

¹ NOA: Naturally Occurring Asbestos