



Tips for Staying in Compliance

Asbestos Containing Material Survey

If you plan to renovate or demolish any structure, Ohio regulations dictate that the building must be surveyed for Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) regardless of the age of the structure.

Asbestos in buildings is regulated by multiple agencies at the federal, state and local levels. Asbestos regulations are voluminous, overlapping and sometimes seemingly contradictory and regulatory interpretations can vary.



Asbestos containing pipe insulation

Asbestos has been banned from building materials in the United States for many years but that did not stop the importation of building materials containing asbestos. Regulators have become more scrutinizing over the years, focusing on abatement not only of the usual suspects like thermal insulation, floor tile and mastic adhesives, but also lesser known building materials such as roof caulk, sink coatings, window glazing and drywall joint compound, to name a few.



Lesser known asbestos-containing building materials such as sink coatings and window glazing are now more closely scrutinized by regulators.

The only exemption from the regulations is for single-family homes or apartment buildings having four or less units; however, developers and owners of multiple units usually do not receive this exemption for their projects. There is no exemption for recently constructed buildings.

Lead Based Paint Inspection

Like asbestos, Lead Based Paint (LBP) inspections are covered by federal, state and local rules but are also subject to OSHA regulations for employers and workplace activities.

Asbestos and LBP regulations can significantly affect the cost and schedule of your renovation projects. Contact GCI's Bruce Savage or Kevin Fulk at (614) 895-1400 early in your planning process for an accurate assessment and mitigation of risk.

Clean Water Rule Revisions

In May 2015, the EPA and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) finalized revisions to the Clean Water Rule that took effect August 28, 2015. The most important impact for developers is the agency you need to coordinate with for a permit to impact streams and wetlands may change.



The new rule creates easy to understand language on what is considered jurisdictional waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act. Streams and drainages will still need to meet the criteria of a jurisdictional water, just like they have in the past, and will be regulated by the USACE.

Under the new rule, more wetlands will fall under the jurisdiction of the federal government and be regulated by the USACE. In Ohio, these same wetlands that will now be regulated by the USACE were previously regulated by the Ohio EPA as isolated waters of the State of Ohio. Therefore, there is no change to the amount of wetlands that are being regulated in Ohio. The only difference under the new rule is that many wetlands previously determined to be "isolated" will now be "jurisdictional" and regulated by the USACE. Developers will still need to obtain a permit to impact streams and wetlands under the new rule; however, more permitting will take place through the USACE.

To ensure appropriate lead time for your development project, contact Matt Kaminski or Bruce Savage at (614) 895-1400 to discuss your required permits.

Glenn McLaughlin Joins GCI as Steel Department Supervisor

GCI is proud to announce the addition of Glenn McLaughlin as the Field Division's new Steel Department Supervisor. Glenn brings over 30 years of experience in field steel inspection and steel fabrication plant operations quality control. Glenn holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Engineering and is also an American Welding Society Certified Welding Inspector (AWS-CWI).



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GCI Approved to Perform City of Columbus FRRR Inspections

The revitalization of Downtown Columbus has dramatically increased the demand on city inspectors tasked with framing and safety inspections for existing building renovations.

In order to provide timely inspections for developers and property owners, the City of Columbus has approved GCI to perform

Fire-Resistance Rated Assemblies (FRRR) inspections. This includes wall, floor and ceiling fastening as well as fire-resistant joints and penetrations. The GCI Field Services Division's NDE Department is well versed in FRRR inspections and the requirements of the City of Columbus and Ohio Building Code. For more information contact Bob Hiles at (614) 895-1400

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