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From: s47F
Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2012 10:27 AM
To: SOWRY, Pat
Subject: RE:WADEYE ASBESTOS HOUSE MATTER..

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Pat,

Do you want me to address anything regarding the report on the house with asbestos in Wadeye? NFA are ready to respond as required..

Regards

s47F Alliance Director, New Future Alliance, Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program
 Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services

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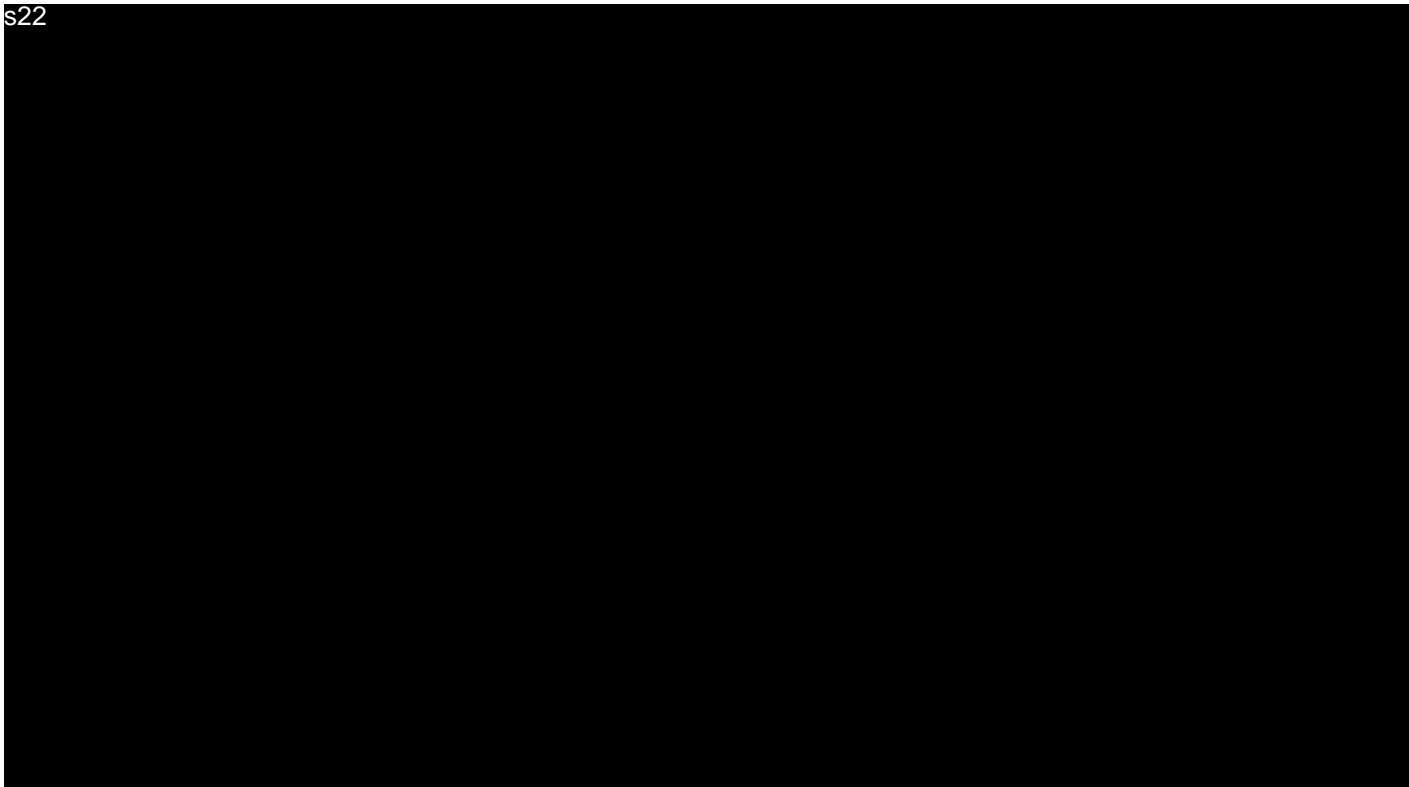
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-----Original Message-----

From: SOWRY, Pat

Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2012 12:32 PM

To: s47F

Cc:

Subject: Wadeye asbestos incident [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Here is the guts of the information provided to Mark Coffey (below and attached). I've deleted the complainants details as they're irrelevant. It would be useful for NFA to close the loop on this by providing a narrative of events that address the claims in the correspondence below. The attachments seem to confirm that the Alliance's obligations in terms of notifying NT Worksafe were met.

We have not formally been requested to respond to the claims but we should make sure that we have an appropriate record of events, compliance and actions.

Regards,

Pat Sowry

Executive Director | Remote Housing Northern Territory

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs

Phone: s47F

Email:

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From: Allan Borg [<mailto:Allan.Borg@nt.gov.au>]
 Sent: Friday, 30 November 2012 2:31 PM
 To: COFFEY, Mark

Dear Sir/Madam,

Public Interest Disclosure - Handling of Asbestos Incident in Wadeye

I wish to make a public interest disclosure about the handling of an asbestos incident in Wadeye that occurred in late 2010. As far as possible I wish my details to remain confidential, they are only being provided to help with the investigation of this incident.

The incident involves Leighton Contractors as part of New Future Alliance failing to check the asbestos register that was sitting in the site office, then proceeding to demolish (most likely bulldoze) a house containing asbestos material. This exposed both the workers carrying out the demolition and the surrounding indigenous residents to asbestos contaminated dust. Workcover NT was advised of the incident and originally threatened to place criminal charges against the board of Leighton Contractors however nothing appeared to eventuate. I am concerned that due to the political nature of the Strategic Indigenous Housing Improvement Project (SIHIP) that the incident was kept quiet, that the indigenous population who were exposed to the asbestos were not informed and that Leighton Contractors was provided favourable treatment (by neither fining or prosecuting them) to keep the matter quiet.

My background is that I worked on the SIHIP project in Wadeye between August 2010 through to the end of October 2010. My job was as a structural engineer conducting the structural, architectural, certification and some of the minor civil inspections at Wadeye. I had discussed the matter out of curiosity with the Leighton Safety Officer investigating the incident as well as a number of other Leighton's staff on site. Due to considerable other personal issues I have had to deal with and concerns as to the personal ramifications, I have only come forward at this point.

The house which contained asbestos and was demolished sits where Lot #466 now stands (cnr Bunduck St and Marwurt St) across the road from the church. I have attached a map of Wadeye for your information. I believe this was the house, since the government came and epoxied stickers to the houses that contained asbestos and they epoxied a sticker to the door of Lot #466 even though it was a new house. I asked about this in the site office and was advised that it was the location of the asbestos incident.

My understanding of the incident was that it occurred in August 2010. The house containing asbestos was demolished by subcontractors who weren't licensed asbestos removalists and did not have the proper protective equipment because due to the failure to check the asbestos register they did not know the house contained asbestos. The fact that the house contained asbestos was discovered after its' demolition by reference to the asbestos register (a copy of which was sitting in the site office, and which was also available electronically). At this stage a pile of asbestos contaminated waste was sitting near the centre of Wadeye. To remove this risk it was decided to ask for volunteers (from among the subcontractors) to remove the pile of waste away from the township. They found some volunteers who were neither licensed asbestos removalists nor had proper protective equipment to remove the pile of waste to the road next to the airfield. We were

advised that Workcover NT had been advised of the incident. Within a week of the incident we were advised that Workcover NT was considering placing criminal charges against the board of Leighton Contractors however nothing ended up happening. The pile sat next to the airfield covered in plastic and was watered daily for the following months as disputes continued over where to dump it. NFA tried to get the license conditions ammended for the local tip to allow it to be dumped there, however this was refused. They then looked at the option of trucking it to Mt Isa (QLD) because the Northern Territory government was refusing to accept it. Eventually the Northern Territory Government relented and gave permission for it to be disposed at one of the Northern Territory dumps. I left Wadeye at the end of October 2010, when the pile was still on site and sat next to the asbestos tester on the flight back to Darwin who advised that the pile did contain asbestos.

A major safety incident had already happened within a week of this asbestos incident whereby a concrete tilt panel had fallen off a truck during unloading however fortunately no one was under it when it fell.

I have attached a copy of the Victoria Daly Shire Council Meeting minutes of the 19th of October 2010. Pages 156 through 163 provides details of the application lodged by New Future Alliance (NFA) and The Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport to have the license conditions at the local dump changed to allow the burial of ACM (asbestos containing material) rubble at the local tip. Based upon this document it appears that Council may have been misled about the nature of the asbestos (p156 background statement first sentence ... "that will be removed from houses at Wadeye."). Given the application was for asbestos rubble that was already on site, rather than for asbestos waste that would be on site.

Regards,

XXXX

(From Allan Borg)

As a part of the assessment process, I contacted WorkSafe NT and received the following information regarding their involvement in this matter in a series of emails with the ED of WorkSafe NT Laurene Hull.

Essentially WorkSafe NT did not conduct any investigation into how Leightons managed to demolish a house in Wadeye which was full of asbestos, nor did they conduct any enquiries about the how Leightons treated the materials, including transporting it in an open truck to the local tip. They were only involved in the application to properly dispose of the material.

I hope this all makes sense.

Kind Regards.

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From: Laurene Hull <Laurene.Hull@nt.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 8 October 2012 2:42 PM
To: Allan Borg
Subject: FW: Send data from MFP07276942
Attachments: DOC081012-08102012143338.pdf

Hi Allan

Document located re asbestos removal at Port Keats as requested We were notified of the removal by a licensed removalist as required by the then legislation.

Regards

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Our Ref > WAT2010/03410

21 October 2010

s47F

Kaeter Integrated Services
142 Coonawarra Road
WINNELLIE NT 0820

Dear s47F

RE: Notification of work at Port Keats Waste Disposal Site

This is to confirm our receipt of a notification form and risk management plan for the above work due to commence on 26 October 2010.

You have provided information supporting your view that this work must be undertaken as soon as possible in order to control the risk of exposure to the public or workers. In this situation NT WorkSafe has **no objection** to the work commencing as notified which provides less than the 7 days notice required by the regulations.

This letter is your acknowledgement that you have met the duty to notify NT WorkSafe of work pursuant to Regulation 26 of the Workplace Health and Safety Regulations 2008.

This information has been passed to our Operations Team who may contact you or visit the site in relation to this work.

Yours sincerely

s47F

WorkSafe Advisory Officer

FAXED
21/10/10



form

In accordance with the Workplace Health and Safety Regulations.

P0001/0010

2. Details of client

Client name (person or organisation that commissioned the asbestos removal work): New Future Alliance	
Contact person: s47F	Client telephone: s47F

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Is part 2 complete

☒ Yes☐ No

3. Workplace name and address (where asbestos removal work will be performed)

Workplace name (include registered business or corporate name): Port Keats waste disposal site.		
Workplace address: Port Keats NT		
Postcode:		
Specific location where removal work will take place (eg. floor level, name of building): Port Keats waste disposal site, a stock pile on the ground.		
Date of notification 21/10/2010	Planned removal commencement date: 26/10/2010	Estimated completion date: 26/10/2010

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Is part 3 complete

☒ Yes☐ No

4. Type of notification

Tick one of the below:

☐ At least 7 days prior to asbestos removal commencing

OR

☒ Notification of an "urgent" removal

If less than 7 days notice is proposed supply details of the urgent circumstances:

The Client has demolished a house and hasn't realised that there was asbestos containing materials included in the building.**The stockpile of waste is close to the Aboriginal Community of Wadeye and there is a concern that members of the community may be at risk of contamination.****The client has asked Kaefer to remove the stockpile ASAP.**

Tick one of the below:

Is this notification:

☒ First notification for this removal job☐ Updated/amended notification for this removal work

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Is part 4 complete

☐ Yes☐ No

5. Type of workplace

<input type="checkbox"/> Public location (eg. school, hospital, shopping centre, child care centre)	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic premises	OFFICE USE Is part 5 complete <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities infrastructure (eg. telecommunications pits and pipes, gas, sewerage, electrical)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent to public location	<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel, plant or vehicle	
<input type="checkbox"/> Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demolition site		

6. Advice to those potentially affected by the removal work activities

Is there a potential for persons in adjoining properties to be affected by these works? (eg. traffic management procedures, use of heavy lifting plant on site, public concern about potential exposure etc)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Who from adjoining properties has been or will be provided with information in relation to the proposed works? How will they be advised?

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Is part 6 complete

☒ Yes
☐ No

7. Type of asbestos contained in material to be removed

- ☒ Chrysotile ☐ not applicable
☐ Amosite ☐ Other (please specify):
☐ Crocidolite

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Is part 7 complete

☒ Yes
☐ No

8. Type of removal

Friable Removal

Type of Asbestos Containing Material (ACM)

- ☐ Sprayed Limpet
☐ Pipe lagging
☐ Insulation
☐ Manufactured non-friable ACM that has become friable
☐ Friable millboard
☐ Friable gaskets
☐ Other (please specify):

Method of enclosure

- ☐ Full Enclosure ☐ Glove Bag
☐ Mini Enclosure ☐ Wrap and Cut
☐ Other (please specify):

Non-Friable Removal

Type of Asbestos Containing Material (ACM)

- ☐ AC roof
☐ AC pipe
☒ AC sheet
☐ Vinyl floor or wall tile
☐ Fire door
☐ Pump/Valve Packing
☐ Zelanite Boards
☐ Non-Friable gaskets
☐ Telecommunications pits and pipes
☐ Asbestos containing glue
☐ Other (please specify):

Estimated Friable Removal Quantity
Cubic metres (m³):

Estimated Non-Friable Removal Quantity
Square metres (m²):
40

Estimated removal quantity for pipe (metres x diameter):

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Is part 8 complete

☒ Yes
☐ No

9. Scope of asbestos removal work

Will the asbestos removal work described in this notification result in removal of ALL asbestos containing materials from the entire site?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Do not know / unsure

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Is part 9 complete

☒ Yes

☐ No

10. Name of organisation conducting para occupational air monitoring

Name of organisation:

AEC

The National Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos states that air monitoring should be performed whenever ACM is being removed, to ensure that control measures are effective. Air monitoring is required for indoor friable removal and outdoor friable removal that presents a risk. Although an air monitoring program is not always necessary for the removal of non-friable ACM, it is nonetheless good occupational hygiene practice. If no monitoring is to be conducted please provide the reason:

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Is part 10 complete

☒ Yes

☐ No

11. System of work

How will the work be carried out? Provide a task list or workflow outlining the intended process and sequencing of activity.

A 30mt exclusion barrier will be erected around the removal site.

KAEFER will supply spotters to keep all persons away from the exclusion zone while removal is taking place.

Air monitoring will be put in place by AEC.

All workers to wear Disposable Coveralls, P3 Respirator, Gloves, Safety Glasses and Steel Cap Boots.

The stockpile is to be completely soaked with water before and during removal works to prevent any dust.

A lined shipping container will be placed next to the stockpile.

The stock pile will then be loaded into the shipping container with a loader.

All equipment used in the removal will be vacuumed and wet wiped on completion of works.

All disposable PPE will be treated as Asbestos and disposed of in an appropriate Asbestos disposal bag.

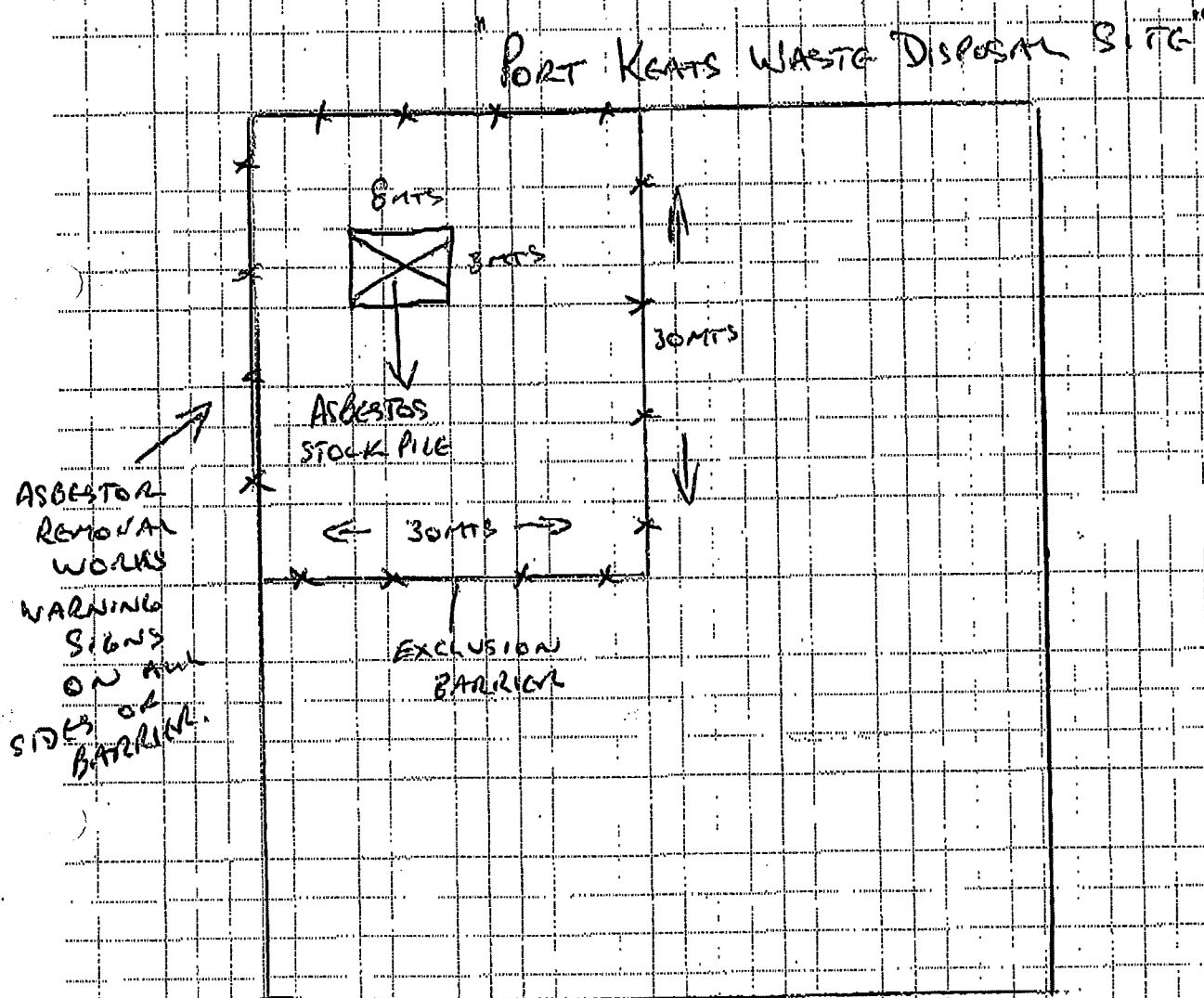
AEC will complete a Clearance inspection on completion of removal work.

The shipping container will be sealed and transported to the Katherine Asbestos waste disposal site where it will be placed in a hole and buried.

Provide details of the location of the removal including a site plan showing:

Where on the site the asbestos containing material is located and approximate distances from removal site to boundaries, adjacent buildings or structures and public areas such as footpaths and roadways, location of bins, location of traffic management measures, where air monitoring equipment will be set up (if known) and locations of decontamination facilities (where required) including the approximate distances of this equipment from the removal site and boundaries.

Not required to be to scale



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Is part 11 complete	
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

12. Risk Management Plan

Provide details of your Risk Management Plan for this removal work by either:

- completing the details below;

OR

- attaching a separate document which meets the requirements of Regulation 39B of the Workplace Health and Safety Regulations 2008.

NOTE: An appropriate level of supervision must be provided to ensure that control measures are implemented.

12.1 Hazards, risks and control measures

12.1.1 Risk of falling

Will the removal involve work at height (eg roof, ceiling)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a risk of workers falling?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
What distance is it possible to fall?		

Control measures

What fall prevention measures will be utilised?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Perimeter protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Scaffolding	<input type="checkbox"/> EWP (boom type)
<input type="checkbox"/> Scissor lift		
Will fall arrest equipment (harnesses, lanyards etc) including harnesses for workers using EWP be used?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are operators of EWP licensed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other (if applicable):		

12.1.2 Risk of exposure to asbestos fibre

Is there a risk of exposure to persons other than workers performing the removal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Who might be at risk?		

Control measures

What process will be used to minimise the release of fibres?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetting down	<input type="checkbox"/> PVA spray	<input type="checkbox"/> Steps to minimise breakage
Other:		
What control measures will be utilised to protect workers from exposure to fibres?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Protective Clothing and footwear:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Protection Devices (specify type): P3		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> What training has been provided to workers undertaking the removal?		
Licenced Asbestos removalist will be Supervising these works, Asbestos Awareness training.		
What control measures will be utilised to protect others from exposure to fibres?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warning signs and barriers		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic screening isolating the work area		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decontamination facilities (specify)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved vacuum equipment in use (HEPA filter)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wet wiping after final cleaning or PVA spray		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will air monitoring be undertaken		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final visual inspection to ensure site is free of debris or waste		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If monitoring is required – final clearance by independent qualified person prior to reoccupation of area		

How will asbestos waste be disposed of?

☐ Asbestos waste bagged in plastic at least 0.2mm thick and appropriately marked

☒ Provision of sufficient appropriate lined bins

Proposed disposal site is: **Katherine**

Company transporting waste: **Kaefer Integrated Services**

Hazardous waste handling licence no:

12.1.3 Plant related risks

Will cutting or grinding equipment be used?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Will powered mobile plant be used?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Will portable electrical equipment be used?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Control measures

☒ Training, competency assessment or licensing of workers operating mobile plant

☒ All electrical equipment protected by RCDs

☒ Equipment and extension leads tested, tagged and visually inspected prior to use

☒ Existing electrical fixtures isolated by a license electrical contractor

☒ Measures in place to prevent contact with overhead power lines

12.1.4 Environmental risks

Are workers at risk from environmental factors such as inclement weather (including rain, wind, heat, humidity)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Control measures

☒ Scheduled breaks for workers wearing full PPE

☒ Provision of or access to amenities (e.g. toilets)

☒ Provision of drinking water, shade, shelter

12.1.5 Vehicle related risks

Are there risks associated with the movement of vehicles (traffic entering or leaving site, movement of mobile plant, work impinging on footpaths or roadways etc)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, control measures are:

Control measures

☒ Council notified – permit granted

☒ barricades erected, traffic diverted

☐ traffic control device(s)

☐ pedestrian traffic diverted

☐ traffic controller in place when vehicles moving across footpaths or onto roadways

☐ traffic management plan

☐ site fenced and secured (if applicable)

☐ Other control measures (specify):

12.1.6 Emergency planning

First aid officer on site is: s47F		
First aid kit on site:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Emergency contact details are maintained on site:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
All site workers are trained in emergency response:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Evacuation plan in place:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
The following emergency response equipment is held on site (provide details): First Aid Kit, Mobile phone.		
The following have been identified as potential emergency situations (provide details):		
Other risks and control measures (specify below or attach a separate document):		

12.2 Health surveillance

What measures are in place for health surveillance of workers undertaking asbestos removal work?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health surveillance in accordance with Regulation 164(2) is undertaken	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not later than 90 days after the date on which the worker commences the work or process; and at intervals not longer than 3 years for so long as the worker continues to be engaged in such work or process; and not later than 30 days after the termination of his or her employment unless, within the previous 12 months, the worker has undergone health surveillance in accordance with this regulation. 	
What records are kept in relation to the potential exposure of workers to asbestos fibre?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measures are in place to maintain a record of the following information for not less than 30 years after the date of last entry in the record	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a list of workers (including their full name, date of birth and addresses while working for the employer) identified as a result of an assessment as having a likelihood of exposure to asbestos 	

12.3 Details of person who is certifying this Risk Management Plan

Name:	s47F
Qualifications/Licence No:	s47F
(the holder of a license to remove asbestos of the type involved in this removal process is a person whose qualifications and experience is acceptable to the Authority)	

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Is part 12 complete	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

13. Declaration by notifier

Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this notification and supporting this notification is true and correct in every particular.

I declare that where I have provided personal information to NT WorkSafe about any other individual, I am authorised to provide that information; the information has been collected in accordance with the *Information Act* (NT) and the individual has been or will be made aware of NT WorkSafe's identity and how to contact it and of the other matters of which an individual is required to be made aware when personal information is collected about them.

Signature of licence holder S47F	Date 21/10/2010
Witnessed by (signature) – witness must be at least 18 years of age S47F	Date 21/10/2010
Witness name (printed) S47F	Telephone S47F

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Is part 13 complete
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No

14. General information and instructions

This notification must be faxed, emailed, mailed or hand delivered to NT WorkSafe:

Fax number: 08 8999 5141 **Email:** ntworksafe@nt.gov.au
Postal address: GPO Box 1722 DARWIN NT 0801
Hand delivered: 1st Floor, Darwin Plaza, 41 Smith Street, The Mall

It must reach NT WorkSafe at least 7 days prior to the proposed commencement of the asbestos removal, unless there are urgent circumstances in which case you must contact NT WorkSafe as soon as you are aware that an urgent removal may be required.

Personal information collected by NT WorkSafe in connection with this notification will be used for the purpose of assessing the notification and administering Northern Territory workplace health and safety legislation. The information may also be used for the administration and enforcement of other legislation administered by NT WorkSafe, administration and evaluation of NT WorkSafe's programs generally and legal proceedings.

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NT WorkSafe may disclose a person's licence status to employers or prospective employers and members of the public who wish to check this status. Collection of this information may be required by Northern Territory workplace health and safety legislation.

If you do not provide any or all of the information required by this form, you will not have met your legal obligation to notify NT WorkSafe of your intention to undertake this work. Commencement of work without notification is a breach of the Workplace Health and Safety Regulations 2008.

Further Information

Additional information on this issue or other safety matters is available at NT WorkSafe:

GPO Box 1722 Darwin NT 0801

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From: Laurene Hull <Laurene.Hull@nt.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 October 2012 1:44 PM
To: Allan Borg
Subject: RE: Send data from MFP07276942

Yes that's it

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Thank you, my words. You have acknowledged that the applicants have met the duty to notify NT WorkSafe of the work.

Kind Regards.

Allan Borg
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From: Laurene Hull
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 To: Allan Borg

Subject: RE: Send data from MFP07276942

Hi Allan

There was no investigation

We don't 'approve' the removal - the obligation on duty holder is to notify us within 5 working days of the handling of more than 10 sq metres of asbestos. Upon notification we assess the details including proposed disposal site and on occasion we might ask for more information to ensure the regulations are observed, however it is not an approval or permit so to speak

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From: Allan Borg
Sent: Tuesday, 9 October 2012 1:37 PM
To: Laurene Hull
Subject: RE: Send data from MFP07276942

Thanks Laurene,

Importantly, you guys did not conduct your own investigation into the matter, just approved the application for removal from the tip site for health and safety reasons.

Kind Regards.

Allan Borg
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-----Original Message-----

From: Laurene Hull
 Sent: Tuesday, 9 October 2012 1:34 PM
 To: Allan Borg
 Subject: RE: Send data from MFP07276942

Hi Allan

It is not clear that this form relates to the property in question however it is the only reference we can find. We cannot find any report of the actual demolition and it appears that the circumstances of this notification of removal and disposal of waste were not cross checked with the original demolition work. There is no requirement to notify demolition in the NT. Sometimes a straight forward demolition becomes complicated by the location of asbestos and the demolition worker must decide whether to cease work leaving the asbestos exposed or continue and arrange removal. It appears that is what happened in this case.

It is noted that if the asbestos material was less than 10 sq metres in area then notification is not required. The notification form from the party engaged to remove the waste says the waste was 40 sq metres in area, however it is not clear what proportion of that was actual asbestos content. Frequently old houses have bathroom and kitchen containing asbestos (which is usually less than 10 sq metres and therefore not notifiable).

Hope this helps

Regards

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From: Allan Borg
 Sent: Tuesday, 9 October 2012 1:03 PM
 To: Laurene Hull
 Subject: RE: Send data from MFP07276942

Thanks Laurene,

Was there an investigation into how the Alliance managed to demolish a house containing asbestos and then dump the remains at the local tip?

Kind Regards.

Allan Borg

Acting Commissioner

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-----Original Message-----

From: Laurene Hull

Sent: Monday, 8 October 2012 2:42 PM

To: Allan Borg

Subject: FW: Send data from MFP07276942

Hi Allan

Document located re asbestos removal at Port Keats as requested We were notified of the removal by a licensed removalist as required by the then legislation.

Regards

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Sent: Monday, 8 October 2012 2:34 PM

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