



Every day, Clark Seif Clark professionals are deployed across the nation helping both large and small customers resolve health & safety, industrial hygiene, environmental and indoor air quality issues.

At a moment's notice, Clark Seif Clark can send their experts anywhere they are needed. No matter if it's in response to a hurricane, wildfire, flood, tornado, or other natural disaster, Clark Seif Clark is ready to help and can respond in no time at all.

Laminate Wood Flooring Sold Across the USA Could Exceed California Regulated Formaldehyde Emissions

Americans, who watched an episode of "60 Minutes" earlier this month, are now wondering if they and their families are being exposed to unsafe levels of formaldehyde. This transpired after the investigative report examined Chinese-made laminate flooring products sold by one of the nation's largest flooring suppliers. It found the products emitted an average level of formaldehyde that was 6 to 7 times the state standard and as high as 20 times the standard.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulates the amount of formaldehyde emissions that can come from flooring and other materials. The California Composite Wood Products Regulation requires finished goods made with hardwood plywood (HWPW), particleboard (PB) and medium density fiberboard (MDF) comply with the regulatory requirements and to be labeled as such. The samples tested in the broadcast indicated they were CARB Phase 2 Compliant on the boxes.

CARB states exposure to formaldehyde can cause the following: "Health effects can include nose and throat irritation, a burning sensation of the eyes, wheezing, difficulty in breathing, and can trigger asthma symptoms in those with asthma. Sensitive individuals

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may experience fatigue, headache, and nausea. Formaldehyde is also a known human carcinogen."

For residents of California and other states who are concerned that their laminate wood floors may be exposing them to elevated levels of formaldehyde, the indoor environmental quality professionals at Clark Seif Clark offer testing solutions. "When laminate wood flooring or other formaldehyde-containing materials off-gas into an enclosed space, like a home or office, people's exposure potential increases," said Franco Seif, President of Clark Seif Clark. "This can be especially worrisome for families with small children or the elderly as their bodies can be especially sensitive to chemical pollutants. At CSC, we offer testing and consulting services to identify situations that could expose building occupants to formaldehyde or any number of other contaminants in their homes, schools and businesses."

To learn more about this or other environmental, health and safety services, please visit www.csceng.com , email csc@csceng.com or call (800) 807-1118.

California Introduces New C-22 Asbestos Abatement Classification

On January 1st, California's new C-22 Asbestos Abatement Contractor Classification went into effect. This new classification does not replace the existing Â§7058.5 asbestos certification and a contractor can hold either of these asbestos abatement work authorizations, depending on their licensure needs.

According to the California Contractors State License Board (CSLB), "The C-22 Asbestos Abatement contractor classification operates as a stand-alone specialty contractor classification for asbestos abatement work, regardless of any other classification(s) that may be held by the licensed contractor, and functions within the scope of the contractor's DOSH registration."

The CSLB lists experience requirements for the C-22 as the following:

As with all CSLB general and specialty classifications, every applicant for the C-22 Asbestos Abatement classification must have had, within the last 10 years immediately preceding submission of the application, not less than four (4) years of experience performing asbestos abatement duties as a journeyman, foreman, supervising employee, or contractor. Experience is documented on the Certification of Work Experience form and must have been gained by working for or as any of the following:

- *A licensed contractor who holds the C-22 Asbestos Abatement*

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classification or the BPC Â§7058.5 asbestos certification and DOSH registration;

- *A contractor who provides asbestos abatement services and is licensed in another state or federal jurisdiction;*
- *A utility company operating under the laws of a state or federal regulatory agency;*
- *A division of a state or the federal government; or*
- *The armed forces of the United States.*

It's important for those providing asbestos abatement services and those in need of these services to be aware of the new C-22 classification.

Exposure to asbestos is known to cause lung cancer, asbestosis and mesothelioma in some people. Due to potential asbestos exposure risks, abatement work needs to be done by those who are properly trained and licensed. At Clark Seif Clark, we offer asbestos testing and consulting services to identify and help mitigate exposure risks associated with asbestos in residential, commercial and institutional properties.

To learn more about asbestos or other environmental, health and safety issues or testing services, please visit www.csceng.com, email csc@csceng.com or call (800) 807-1118.

About Clark Seif Clark: CSC was established in 1989 to help clients in both the public and private sectors address environmental issues. CSC is a leading provider of these services with multiple offices along the western seaboard and southwest. The company believes in science-based protocols and has a strong background in engineering making them the preferred environmental consultants to healthcare facilities, architects, schools, builders, contractors, developers and real estate professionals.