



February 28, 2022

Representative A. Valdez  
Representative B. Titone  
200 East Colfax Ave, Suite 029  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: The Asbestos Control Act – 2021 Sunset Review

Dear Representatives Valdez and Titone:

The Colorado Environmental Professionals Association (CEPA) is a group comprised of hundreds of companies and individuals organized in the interest of promoting the environmental remediation industry in Colorado and surrounding areas, and whose primary mission is to provide information and education to association members, the construction and related industries, and the public.

CEPA's members perform services such as asbestos and lead abatement and training, environmental consulting and industrial hygiene, laboratory services, environmental remediation, environmental and safety training, mold mitigation, methamphetamine-affected property and other hazmat cleanup, disaster recovery and mitigation, and demolition.

The overwhelming majority of CEPA's members are regulated by the Colorado Asbestos Control Act (the Act) and the related Air Quality Control Commission Regulation Number 8, Part B – Asbestos (Regulation 8). CEPA members were called upon by the Colorado Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform (COPRRR) at the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) to provide input and feedback during COPRRR's 2021 evaluation of the Act. Numerous CEPA members report having spent significant amounts of time in discussion with COPRRR staff discussing the Act, as well as the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division, Indoor Environment Program's interpretation and implementation of Regulation 8.

CEPA received and reviewed a copy of COPRRR's 2021 Sunset Review of the Asbestos Control Act report to the General Assembly of Colorado (the Report). CEPA's Board of Directors met to discuss the findings of the report and urges adoption of legislation implementing key recommendations of the Report, importantly, continuation of the Asbestos Control Act and revision of the Act to require local building departments to direct permit applicants to the IEP for information about asbestos.

In addition to suggested statutory changes, also included in the Report were seven administrative recommendations, all of which are supported by CEPA. Improvements to various programmatic aspects of the Act and Regulation 8 will provide direct and tangible benefits to the regulated industry and the public, while at the same time serving the overarching goal of protecting human health and the environment.



Allowing easier access to training and testing, both through technology and Spanish language; utilizing outside expertise to identify and drive improvements within the IEP; increasing efficiency within the IEP with the help of new systems and improved business processes; and involvement of stakeholders and an Air Quality Control Commissioner in implementing administrative improvements are all ways the citizens of Colorado can benefit from the Sunset Review work of COPRRR to ensure the system of laws pertaining to asbestos is working as intended for the protection of health and environment.

We urge you to please consider the importance of these matters to our industry, our members, and the public in your deliberations concerning HB22-1232.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Sinkbeil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brandon Sinkbeil  
CEPA President