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ASBESTOS POLICY

POLICY – RC03

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Title	**Asbestos Disposal Policy**
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Responsible Officer	Manager Strategic Infrastructure
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1. Purpose

To provide guidance on the disposal of asbestos waste at the Nhulunbuy Corporation's Waste Management Facility.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral which was extensively used by the building and construction industry in the Northern Territory until the 1980's. Asbestos fibres are capable of being caught in lung tissue leading to respiratory disease.

The Nhulunbuy Corporation maintains an approved and licensed area for the disposal of asbestos at its Waste Management Facility on the Gove Peninsula.

2. Scope

This policy provides guidance for Nhulunbuy Corporation employees and the public regarding the safe and compliant disposal of asbestos waste originating from within the Gove Peninsula.

3. Definitions

Asbestos means the asbestiform varieties of mineral silicates belonging to the serpentine or amphibole groups of rock forming minerals including the following:

a. actinolite asbestos
b. grunerite (or amosite) asbestos (brown)
c. anthophyllite asbestos
d. chrysotile asbestos (white)
e. crocidolite asbestos (blue)
f. tremolite asbestos
g. a mixture that contains 1 or more of the minerals referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f).

Asbestos waste means any waste that contains asbestos. This includes asbestos or asbestos containing material removed and disposable items used during asbestos removal work including plastic sheeting and disposable tools.

CEO means Chief Executive Officer of the Nhulunbuy Corporation which is interchangeable with the title Town Administrator

Nhulunbuy Corporation means the Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited

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4. Policy

Volume (cubic metres)

Charges for asbestos disposal are determined on a volume basis (cubic meters). This will be calculated by measuring the overall length by the overall width by the overall height of the bundle or load. For example, a 1.8m x 1.2m x 0.4m trailer loaded flush measures 0.86m^3

Nhulunbuy Corporation may reserve the right to charge for asbestos disposal based on commercially agreed terms with individual customers.

Preparation

All asbestos products are to be collected, packed, transported, and disposed of in accordance with Northern Territory legislation and regulations. This includes the *Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos (2nd edition)* and the *NT Worksafe Health & Safety Act and Regulations.*

Asbestos products which are not correctly packaged for delivery and disposal will be refused entry at the Waste Management Facility in accordance with the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act*.

Asbestos must be double wrapped in 200 micron heavy duty builders' plastic and taped to seal the fibres completely. Failure to comply with this basic requirement will see the products refused entry.

Origination

Only asbestos originating within the Gove Peninsula will be accepted at the Nhulunbuy Corporation's Waste Management Facility.

Each individual/company/community must provide written confirmation of where the asbestos originated from.

Disposal Times

To ensure that the Nhulunbuy Corporation's Waste Management Facility is able to effectively undertake disposal, the Nhulunbuy Corporation will accept asbestos disposal by application only during dedicated periods during the annual dry season. These periods will be advertised on social media and on the Nhulunbuy Corporation's web site.

Application for Asbestos Disposal must be made on the designated form available on the Nhulunbuy Corporation website. Applications include a waste generator declaration and a waste transport declaration to ensure compliance with the relevant standards, legislation and this policy.

Where asbestos waste is collected outside designated disposal times, it must be stored or disposed of at an alternative licensed facility.

If an individual/company/community needs to store their asbestos waste prior to disposal, they must apply to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority for a Temporary Asbestos Storage Facility licence.

Transport of Asbestos

The safety of Nhulunbuy Corporation employees/contractors and the public is paramount. As such, asbestos delivered to the Waste Management Facility must be properly wrapped and capable of being:

- lifted by hand (the wrapped bundle shall not exceed 20kg) or

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- lifted by sling or forklift (the wrapped bundle shall not exceed 750kg) with each bundle placed on not less than 75mm x 75mm timber gluts (or dunnage).

Due to the potential for the plastic wrapping to be damaged in transit, quantities greater than 100kg may be required to be transported in a sealed container from place of removal to place of disposal

The Waste Management Facility will not accept the disposal if asbestos is brought to site in what the Nhulunbuy Corporation deems to be an unsafe manner.

Fees
The disposal of asbestos incurs fees as outlined in the Nhulunbuy Corporation's Fees and Charges Schedule.

All fees must be paid to the Nhulunbuy Corporation on approval of Asbestos Disposal Application prior to disposal, unless otherwise approved for payment post disposal by MCS or in the absence of MCS, by the CEO.

5. Review Process

This policy will be reviewed three (3) years from the date of adoption.

Date	**Director (Name)**	**Signature**
05 March 2025	Andres Hoffman	Andres Hoffman
Chief Executive Officer (Name) **Shane Whitten**		**Signature** Shane Whitten