



Rio Grande Abatement/Cleaning Details

Prior to and during the abatement of rooms 317, 318 and 318.1, professional engineers will also conduct air monitoring for mercury since building materials will be removed from the floor (trace concentrations of mercury may be present in the floor construction materials given the historic use of these rooms.) Prior to this testing and any removal of asbestos containing materials, the rooms will be fully contained, with all openings sealed. A negative air pressure machine equipped with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter will be used to maintain a negative pressure in the rooms and to continuously filter the room. This will control the release of chemical and particles that may be present during the work. These chemicals and particles will be properly vented outside the building. Periodic monitoring will be conducted in the hallways to verify the containment controls are working.

In room 221, engineers will perform cleaning and maintenance under containment and negative pressure. The room will be HEPA vacuumed and followed with a wipe down. While previous sampling in this area has indicated that no health hazards exist, we want to take all precautions to insure the health and safety of our employees and students.

For more information please contact Becky Cole at 223-1015.