



**MEMORANDUM**

**March 19, 2020**

**To: Asbestos Program Regulated Community in South Carolina**

**From: Michael D Shroup, Director, Air Compliance Management Division, DHEC BAO**

**Re: Asbestos Personnel Training and Licensing During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent government restrictions with regard to public gatherings, asbestos training providers in South Carolina have reduced or cancelled training classes required for asbestos personnel licensing. In an effort to reduce the impact of this restriction, the Department will grant an automatic extension until April 30, 2020, to complete refresher training and obtain a renewal license, for asbestos personnel licenses in all disciplines with an expiration between March 1, and April 29, 2020.

The Department will allow individuals with South Carolina issued asbestos personnel licenses expiring between the dates identified above, to continue working in South Carolina under those expired licenses until April 30, 2020, without meeting re-licensing requirements. This extension applies only to personnel licenses issued by the Asbestos Section of the Bureau of Air Quality.

As this situation evolves, we will determine if additional extensions are necessary and update our guidance on the DHEC Bureau of Air Quality website.