

a group of residential buildings under the control of the same owner or operator is considered an installation according to the definition of "installation" and is, therefore, covered by the rule. As an example, several houses located on highway right-of-way that are all demolished as part of the same highway project would be considered an "installation," even when the houses are not proximate to each other. In this example, the houses are under the control of the same owner or operator, i.e., the highway agency responsible for the highway project.

In the July 28, 1995 Federal Register (60 FR 38725), EPA issued a Notice of Clarification addressing the scope of residential home exemption. EPA once again clarified that demolitions of residential buildings under the control of the same owner or operator as part of a larger demolition project (i.e., in connection with the construction of public facilities such as highways, sports arenas, or shopping malls) are not excluded from the asbestos NESHAP. (60 FR at 38726.

I appreciate the opportunity to clarify a past applicability determination discrepancy. The Office of Civil Enforcement, the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, and the Office of General Counsel have reviewed this determination.

Very truly yours,

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