

Safety Alert

Sharing information to prevent incidents

Target Audience

All Sydney Trains' workers, including contractors, who may need to work within or adjacent to troughing containing asbestos within the ESR.

Background and Context

Asbestos within the network is common and Sydney Trains has established processes for working with Asbestos Containing Material (ACM).

The Issue

The ESR contains asbestos cement cable troughing as a legacy material used in its construction in the late 1970's. A recent inspection conducted prior to cabling works has identified the presence of asbestos containing dust within the troughing at various locations.

Findings

- An inspection discovered that asbestos dust is present within the ESR asbestos containing troughing.
- No airborne asbestos has been detected adjacent to the troughing.

Recommendations

With the safety of our workers a top priority, the following is to be implemented:

- Engage with an external asbestos hygienist to assist in undertaking the appropriate risk assessment for your works to ensure the safety of your team and legislative requirements are met.
- No works are to be undertaken on the ESR asbestos containing troughing unless appropriate task-specific controls have been implemented.
- Risks associated with asbestos and hazardous materials are managed using procedure in Sydney Trains' Safety Management System (SMS) procedures [SMS-06-OP-3034 - Manage Risks with Hazardous Materials](#) and [SMS-06-OP-3045 - Managing Asbestos Work](#).



Asbestos containing troughing within the ESR.



Contact your SEQR Business Partner or Line Manager if you have any questions.

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