



Updated PCBs Screening Requirements

PRIOR TO DEMOLITION

On January 24th, 2020, the initial July 1st, 2019 effective date requirements were updated as follows: ALL applicants proposing to demolish a building, whether or not it requires PCB Management, must submit a PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) Screening Assessment Form to the Office of Building Safety prior to obtaining a demolition permit. All other requirements remain. Please see below.

The City of Milpitas is required by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board via the Municipal Regional Permit to reduce discharges of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in storm water runoff. During demolition PCBs can be released and end up in our water and air.



Effective **July 1st, 2019**, applicants proposing to demolish commercial, public, institutional and Industrial structures constructed or remodeled between January 1, 1950 and December 31, 1980 must conduct a PCBs screening assessment before a demolition permit will be issued. Single-family residential and wood-framed structures are exempt.

The PCBs screening assessment will guide applicants to:

1. Determine whether the structure is likely to have building materials containing PCBs;
2. Determine whether PCBs are present at a concentration equal to or greater than 50 parts per million (ppm) in prioritized building materials which include caulk, insulation, mastic, and window gaskets. Contact the Association of Environmental Contractors (AEC) at aec-ca.org or the Association of Northern California Environmental Consultants (ANCEC) at ancec-ncal.com to find a qualified consultant to help complete an assessment.
3. Follow applicable federal and state laws if PCBs exist in priority building materials. This may include reporting to USEPA, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). These agencies may require additional sampling and abatement of PCBs.

Obtain screening forms [Screening Form](#)

This flyer is also available at <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/pdfs/MilpitasPCBsNotice.pdf>

Questions? Please contact Office of Building Safety staff at (408) 586-3240