

WNC REGIONAL AIR QUALITY AGENCY FIREFIGHTER TRAINING NOTIFICATION

This form is to be used to provide **prior** notification of open burning for the training of firefighting personnel in accordance with Chapter 4 1903(b)(11) of the WNCRAQA Code. **This notification must be submitted to the WNC Regional Air Quality Agency (WNCRAQA) at least 10 days prior to commencement of the burn. A WNCRAQA Notification of Asbestos Removal and/or Demolition Form must also be submitted with this notification form.** It is not necessary to submit page 2 with this notification. Additional forms and information are available on the Internet at: www.wncairquality.org/asbestos/asbestos.htm

Fire Dept: _____

Location of Training Exercise (address, city, etc.):

Complete Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

County: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

WNCRAQA cannot approve burning a previously **demolished structure or salvageable items** for firefighter training. Motor vehicles may be burned over a period of time by a training unit or by several related training units. Describe the nature and the amount of materials to be burned. If a structure is to be burned, state construction type, number of rooms, floor area, etc.

Description: _____

Please list any synthetic materials (asphalt materials such as shingles or siding, asphaltic roofing materials, vinyl siding, etc) and salvageable items (insulated wire, electric motors, electric transformers, etc) that you plan to leave in the structure during the training exercise: _____

State training objectives: _____

Beginning date(s) and time(s) of training exercise: _____

Ending Date: _____ Alternate date(s) and time(s): _____

Any deviations from the dates and times of exercises, including additions, postponements, and deletions, submitted in the schedule in the approved plan shall be communicated verbally to the WNCRAQA at least one hour before the burn is scheduled.

Remember, following one agency's regulations does not guarantee compliance with another.

A person who is accredited as a North Carolina Asbestos Inspector must inspect structures. All burned structures must be free of asbestos. **All asbestos containing building materials must be properly removed before the live fire training exercise. Further, a Notification of Asbestos Removal and/or Demolition form, submitted at the same time, must be obtained from WNCRAQA, even if no asbestos was identified in most structures, at least 10 working days prior to the burn date(s).** For further information on the required asbestos inspection and notification, please contact the WNCRAQA at (828) 250-6777.

Has the structure been inspected for asbestos containing materials? Yes No

Does the structure have any asbestos containing materials present? Yes No

If yes, describe the materials and the removal procedures:

I certify by my signature the information submitted on this notification to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Name (print): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**** WNCRAQA USE ONLY**

NESHAP number (assigned by WNCRAQA): Required prior to burn: _____

(Revised 02/28/13) WNC Regional Air Quality Agency: _____ Date: _____

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General Information

****It is not necessary to submit this page (page 2) with your notification. ****

Chapter 4.1903(b)(11) of the WNCRAQA Code allows open burning for instructing and training of firefighting personnel that does not qualify for coverage under **Chapter 4.1903(b)(9) and (10)**. Burning is permissible only as a fire training exercise with the fire department present during the burning.

Permission shall not be given for the burning of salvageable items, such as insulated wire and electric motors, or for the primary purpose of disposal of synthetic materials or refuse by fire. Permission shall not be given to burn previously demolished structures. A "bulldozed" pile of rubble is not a legitimate source of fire training, and permission shall not be granted to burn such material. If a structure cannot be entered and fire set, extinguished, and reset multiple times, then the fire training value is questionable.

The burden of demonstrating that any proposed burning exercise is legitimate training, and is therefore permissible, lies with the **certified live burn instructor** and **fire department**. If the air quality Director believes the training is not the primary goal of the exercise, he/she may deny permission to burn.

Fire training open burning is prohibited on code orange, red, or purple days and when restricted by the NC Forest Service or Buncombe Fire Marshall for safety reasons in Buncombe County. The Division of Air Quality will issue daily air quality forecasts for the following day for specific regions/counties of the state. To hear forecasts, dial 1-888-RU4NCAIR (1-888-784-6224). The forecast and the affected counties are also available on the Internet at: www.ncair.org (Air Quality Forecasts button at the bottom of the page). You may also contact the WNCRAQA at 828-250-6777, and select option #1 to find out if open burning is allowed.

Asbestos

Before a structure is burned, the asbestos requirements of 40 CFR 61.145 and any other applicable asbestos requirements in 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M must be met. Asbestos information may be obtained online at www.wncairquality.org/asbestos/asbestos.htm or by contacting the WNCRAQA at **828-250-6777** or wncair@buncombecounty.org. **Either the owner of the structure(s) or the fire department must obtain and file the Notification of Asbestos Removal and/or Demolition Form and document properly the structure(s) to be burned is/are asbestos free or not covered under the asbestos rule.**

Under 40 CFR 61.145(c)(1), if a facility is demolished by intentional burning, all regulated asbestos-containing materials (RACM) including Category I and Category II nonfriable asbestos-containing material **must be removed according to the NESHAP regulations prior to burning**. Furthermore, intentional burning of a facility constitutes demolition; therefore, proper notification must be completed and submitted to WNCRAQA.

Complete Notification of Open Burning for the Training of Firefighting Personnel forms must be mailed or faxed to the agency at:

**WNC Air Quality Agency
49 Mount Carmel Road
Asheville, NC 28806
Telephone: (828) 250-6777
Fax: (828) 250-6222**