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Zonolite® Insulation in Homes

The experts at EMSL Analytical offer affordable asbestos testing solutions to protect families and workers from exposure to insulation that may contain asbestos fibers.

Millions of homes in the United States were insulated with the Zonolite® brand of insulation. This vermiculite insulation has been shown in some cases to contain deadly asbestos fibers.

Many Americans enter their attics from time to time for various reasons. These same individuals need to be aware that they may be exposing themselves to asbestos fibers if they disturb the insulation in the attic. This is also true for any workers including electricians, plumbers, remodelers and others that work in attics that contain the asbestos containing insulation.

It has been known for years that up to 35 million homes across America may be contaminated with asbestos tainted vermiculite attic insulation (VAI). Although not all materials that contain vermiculite have asbestos, many products containing vermiculite and asbestos were sold in the United States until the 1990s.

Countless studies have shown that breathing asbestos fibers can lead to an increased risk of lung cancer, mesothelioma and respiratory diseases. Exposure to any airborne asbestos fibers increases the risks of developing these diseases. The amount and type of asbestos fibers inhaled also impacts people's health risks. When materials that contain asbestos are disturbed, asbestos fibers can be released into the air and if inhaled by people they are then at risk of developing these asbestos related diseases.

EMSL Analytical, Inc., is one of the largest asbestos testing laboratories in the world. The company has been providing asbestos analyses since 1981 and operates over 30 laboratories across the United States and Canada. Insulation that contains asbestos is a real threat. Homeowners and workers should strongly consider testing any insulation to ensure it does not contain asbestos prior to disturbing it.

A public service video can be viewed at: <http://www.emsl.com/index.cfm?nav=Pages&ID=479>