

The issue of involuntary exposure to hazardous materials of the neighbors of mechanical demolitions is a serious and immediate concern. SB705A's requirement of asbestos surveys is a step in the right direction, but unfortunately, a short step.

Companies that do deconstruction rather than mechanical demolition do abatement before their workers begin the careful process of dismantling building materials for reuse. However, they have found that 80-90% of the time, they have to have the abatement companies return to remove further hazardous materials that had been hidden from the initial abatement.

So, even with a survey and, hopefully, abatement, before mechanical demolition, there will be hazardous materials pulverized and released into the air and property of the neighbors. Deconstruction is the way to avoid this.

We need to pass SB705A and with great urgency push for the next step - controlling hazardous materials exposure by deconstruction.

Thank you,  
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