



License Identity Fraud

Accredited Environmental Technologies, (AET) has been notified and received documented proof that our Florida Asbestos Consultant License has been the victim of **Identify Fraud**. At the time of this writing, AET does not know the extent or frequency of this fraud, but the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations and the District Attorneys office is investigating.

The State of Florida like many other states has specific licensing requirements to perform asbestos work. All asbestos consulting, testing, surveys, etc. in Florida must be performed by a Florida Licensed Asbestos Consultant. Licensure is based on submittal of strict educational, training and experience requirements to the state for review/approval and passing of a comprehensive examination. Licenses must be renewed each year.

AET is not the only victim here. Facility owner(s) who were duped by this entity are also a victim. Failure to follow state laws/regulations or the use of non-licensed individuals to perform services renders sampling results, findings, conclusions, etc. as non-valid. It also opens up the facility owner(s) to unwanted scrutiny in their business dealings.

DON'T BE A VICTIM! The State of Florida maintains a web search listing of asbestos and mold licensed consultants at www.myfloridalicense.com. Other states maintain similar listings for both companies and individuals.

I regret that the onus falls on the facility owner/client to assess the legitimacy of the licenses of the contractors they are currently using. AET recommends our client's due diligence always include the verification of the corporate licenses and licensing of individual environmental professionals on their projects. License numbers must always be listed on all correspondence/reports submitted to the client. We know this is particularly cumbersome for clients with multiple, nationwide locations. But, based on AET's recent experience, this is the world we live in.