TO:       FRAQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM:    Christopher D. Brown, AICP, APCO

SUBJECT: Update on the status of the Asbestos NESHAP

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational item only

BACKGROUND:

Late last year staff provided an update on the state’s plan to require local air districts to take on enforcement of the Clean Air Act Asbestos requirements (Asbestos NESHAP).

Since that time there has been very little activity.

The state prepared a draft letter to the affected Air Districts in January but has not finalized that letter. The state also promised to prepare a “White Paper” showing various options on to proceed, however they may have decided not to prepare that document.

Currently, enforcement of the Asbestos NESHAP requirements in the District remain with EPA and will remain so until the District is formally notified of any change.

If the District is assigned this work, then new rulemaking and fees will be required as well as a training program for City and County planning agencies. The start up costs will be significant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None at this time, however if the District is handed the program significant start up costs are expected.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

None