



TRANSPOWER



# FIRST ALERT

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## EVENT

### Asbestos identified - Henderson Control Room

While conducting preliminary planning for the installation of ladder racking the team identified material in the ceiling space and suspected that it could contain Asbestos. Work was stopped and area was made safe.

Testing confirmed that Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) are present in the ceiling space. It appears that the ACM was sprayed into the ceiling area when first built, possibly as an insulator or fire stop. The product has degraded and has become 'friable' (dust or powder like).

Access to the ceiling space is now restricted and warning signs have been installed. Normal access and operation in the Control Room and offices is permitted however all ceiling penetrations for fixings or formation of cable access points is not permitted.

Transpower's Facilities Management Team will confirm the condition and extent of the ACM and any possible contamination.

#### IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Personal Safety. All staff need to continue to be vigilant for the presence of ACM's completing thorough pre work start hazard identification. Where ACM's are suspected and once immediate controls are in place staff must complete reporting processes as appropriate
- Personal Health. If you have worked in the ceiling space and believe you are potentially at risk contact your manager to ensure the appropriate steps are taken
- A presentation of Asbestos management and register of known and suspected locations of ACM's is available on the controlled portion of Transpower's website at

<https://www.transpower.co.nz/my-transpower/contractorsconsultants/safety-information/asbestos-register>



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