



# TeAM Policy

## Telecom Applications Management

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**SUBJECT:** Encountering Transite Duct During Telecom Activities

**POLICY NO.:** 004-01-01

### 1.0 Policy Statement

Federal law requires that Con Edison inform telecom customers of the hazards that could be encountered in Company facilities and that Telecom customers inform their employees and contractors who work in electrical manholes of the hazards that may be encountered when performing tasks in manholes including installing inner duct. Hazards include but are not limited to asbestos, lead, PCB, oxygen deficiency, carbon monoxide, explosions and electrical hazards. To insure that telecom employees and contractors are properly informed, under the Telecommunications Service Agreement with Con Edison, telecom customers and/or their contractors must submit a HASP to the appropriate TeAM Project Specialist detailing how they will address each of these hazards.

### 2.0 Presumptions

When Company forces, telecom customers, or their contractors install inner ducts inside Con Edison's spare electric ducts, they will normally be pulling the inner duct through concrete. However, some ducts are made of transite or kordite. All ducts identified as transite or kordite in the Con Edison system are presumed to be asbestos-containing material (ACM).

### 3.0 Procedure

- Telecom related activities, including rodding, brushing, roping and pulling inner duct in Con Edison electric manholes are to be conducted under the presumption that the outer duct is transite or kordite unless a review of the current maps or records (including conduit plates, composite plates and manhole layouts) by Con Edison's Electric Operations during the Engineering record search or by TeAM must provide the telecom customer with either a copy of the actual plate showing the material, a marked up composite feeder plate, or record the information on the spreadsheets provided as part of the search. If the search is inconclusive, then the outer duct must be presumed to be transite or kordite.
- Engineering must contact the TeAM Project Specialist to inform him/her of the results of the research.
- Telecom customers or their contractors must sign and submit to the Con Edison TeAM Project Specialist the attach Release of Liability form before beginning any work involving transite or kordite ducts or ducts of unknown material. A separate Release of Liability form must be signed for each specific asbestos job.
- The Telecom customer or their contractor must contact the assigned Con Edison project inspector before asbestos related activities commence. They must also notify the assigned Con Edison project inspector immediately if any asbestos is disturbed.
- Telecom customers or their contractors encountering either ACM or ducts of unknown material during telecom activities must follow all appropriate federal, state, and local asbestos regulations.
- Con Edison employees working on telecom activities must follow the procedures in the Asbestos Manual 6.21.

**Release of Liability**

To the fullest extent allowed by law, \_\_\_\_\_  
having its business address at \_\_\_\_\_

agrees to indemnify Con Edison and hold Con Edison harmless from any loss or liability  
resulting from cable pulling activity and any releases of asbestos caused by such activity.

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Title : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Work \_\_\_\_\_

Manhole number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative    Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Con Edison Representative    Date

Note: This form does not relinquish the contractor from submitting the required HASP.

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