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Short-term Delay in Museum Renovation Project

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During the demolition of the old restrooms, the contractor uncovered pipes that appear to be wrapped in asbestos. In conjunction with the Edison Township Construction Code Official, work was stopped and the building was vacated until the Township could retain the services of a qualified firm to determine if there is asbestos and, if so, properly handle the situation. Although this work will result in a time delay for the project, the EMTC and the Township want to ensure that the building is safe for all occupants, including the work crew. In order to minimize the amount of delay, the Township personnel acted quickly to develop bid documents to retain the services of an asbestos abatement firm.

Bids are due back from asbestos firms on August 25, 2010; the Township hopes to award a contract in September so that the work can be done and the renovations get back underway as soon as possible.