

Facilities Management

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APPLICATION

Removal of existing vinyl asbestos floor covering.

PREPARATION OF WORK AREA

- 1. Remove and/or protect furnishings and other surfaces which would be difficult to clean.
- 2. Schedule work when other occupants of the area are absent or arrange for them to be relocated.

WORKER PROTECTION

Don appropriate level of respiratory protection.

Don Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), if desired.

WORK PROCEDURES

- 1. Begin the removal in the area of least traffic.
- 2. Carefully wedge a wall scraper in the seam of two adjoining tiles and gradually force the edge of one of the tiles up and away from the floor.
- 3. Attempt to remove individual tiles as a complete unit.
- 4. Well adhered tile(s) may be removed by striking the scraper handle with a hammer.
- 5. Well adhered tile(s) may also be removed by thoroughly heating the tile(s) with a hotny5 (I)5 (e(a8)



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RESOURCES

WP-12: O Reg 278 05 Type-1 Operations

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