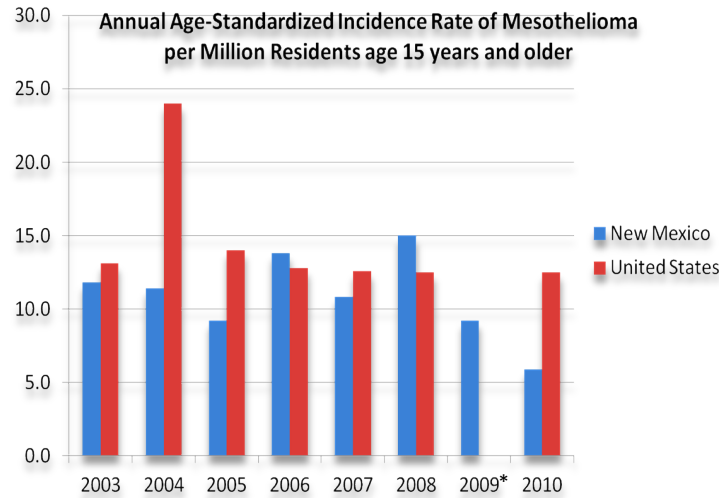


Mesothelioma in the Workplace in New Mexico

Mesothelioma is a notifiable condition.

In New Mexico, OHSP tracks the malignant mesothelioma incidence among all New Mexicans. Exposure to asbestos fibers is the primary risk factor for mesothelioma. The bar graph depicts the rate of mesothelioma in residents aged 15 years and older.



*Age standardized rate not available for U.S.

Some Occupations with Asbestos Exposure

- Pipe Fitting
- Mining
- Plumbing and Insulation
- Brake Repair
- Cement Work, Construction
- Boiler Making

20-40 years

Time from exposure to asbestos to mesothelioma diagnosis

NM OHSP tracks work-related illnesses and injuries using:



Hospital Inpatient Data



Death Certificate Data



Reporting of Occupational Notifiable Conditions

And other sources

The OHSP also participates on the NM Cancer Concerns Workgroup (CCW).

The CCW is comprised of NMDOH and NM Tumor Registry (NMTR) staff.

CCW Protocol

Standardized and coordinated response from NMDOH and NMTR staff receiving inquiries from the public, health professionals and others about cancer concerns.

Decision Tree

Residential

Occupational