

About Us

Environmental Initiatives is a comprehensive indoor environmental consulting firm. Specializing in water damage/mold, asbestos, and indoor air quality.

We determine the source of the problem, extent of damages, and exposure to occupants.

Immediate, on-site results for many sample types through use of microscopes and other specialized equipment provides the fastest possible results

New trust formed to reimburse property owners for removal of vermiculite attic insulation.

The majority (~80%) of vermiculite insulation in the United States came from a mine near Libby, Montana that also contained asbestos (go to www.microscopicminute.com for more information on asbestos). In early 2014, W.R. Grace, the operating company of this now closed vermiculite mine, has created a trust to partly reimburse building owners for removal of attic vermiculite and re-insulation. The vermiculite must have been produced from this mine. This trust is named the **Zonolite Attic Insulation Trust ("ZAI Trust").** The trust started with \$60 million to \$100 million for distribution.



The following information is from the website www.zaitrust.net, which indicates:

"The Trust may provide a reimbursement contribution of 55% of the abatement cost for eligible Claimants up to a ceiling of 55% of a \$7,500 removal bill (or \$4,125). For example, if you spent \$7,500 removing and replacing the insulation, you are potentially eligible for the maximum reimbursement of \$4,125. If you spent \$3,000 for abatement and re-insulation, you are potentially eligible for reimbursement of \$1,650 (55% of \$3,000)."

To be accepted, you must prove you have the vermiculite product Zonolite present. There are different ways to prove this and the website provides the explanation. If there is evidence, a claimant can be reimbursed for Zonolite that was removed in the past.

Currently, ZAI is distributing this information through "word of mouth" and by presenting at conferences. However, in 2016 they will start advertising with television ads and these funds will likely be dispersed quickly. For more information on how to participate in this program, go to www.zaitrust.net to inform yourself on the specifics and to download forms.



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