



**NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA  
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**National Audit Office of Lithuania conducted an audit "Removal of Products Containing Asbestos"**



National Audit Office of Lithuania conducted an audit "Removal of Products Containing Asbestos", during which the removal of products containing asbestos in Lithuania was assessed.

Products containing asbestos in Lithuania are removed in the framework of Asbestos Removal Programme and Lithuanian Rural Development Programme, however, auditors say that this process is not integrated and is too slow, while a single effective nationwide system for removal of these products has not been created.

The goals envisaged in the Asbestos Removal Programme had to be implemented in 2008-2013 by the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health, National Labour Inspectorate, municipalities and County Administrations, while the Rural Development Programme is coordinated by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Given the fact that the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Environment have not yet reached a common agreement on the implementation measures and deadlines of the recommendations given in the audit report, the NAOL requested the Government to analyze once again the question concerning the removal of products containing asbestos, and to issue the implementation measures and deadlines of the recommendations approved by the Government by the 1 March.

Having assessed the data collected during the audit, the NAOL submitted to the Government recommendations for the creation of the integrated system for the removal of products containing asbestos, reduction of environmental pollution by asbestos and ensuring a more healthy environment.

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