Procedures for Building Entry for Buildings Containing Asbestos After a Catastrophic Event

Assure building is structurally safe for entry. (Can should done by CERTS approved personnel). If possible do not enter the building until dust has settled.

When feasible have a buddy accompany you inside the building.

Don proper protective equipment. (2 tyvek- outer layer must have hood and booties, tape on 2 pair nitrile gloves, ½ face respirator).

Place water sprayer, asbestos bags, and other tools needed, and towels to wipe decon before leaving building at entrance/exit location.

While inside the building avoid areas where there is visible dust/debris that could contain asbestos. (As long as the debris is not disturbed it is not an inhalation hazard).

If any items need to be removed from the building, including work tools, they need to be placed in an asbestos bag and decontamination procedures need to be performed immediately after removal from the building (bag needs to be wet wiped prior to being taken out of building and while person is still wearing protective equipment).

Once task inside building is complete go to exit area and wipe down exterior portion of tyvek and respirator. As you step out of the building, do so in conjunction with stepping out of the first layer of tyvek which will remain inside the building (later to be retrieved by an EHS (or people who set up for air monitoring clearance) person. Remove respirator when immediately outside of building and clean appropriately.

If there are items that need to be decontaminated an area needs to be set up for decontamination purposes. (tent or Glove Bag containment set up).