year, and more often as necessary, and shall:

(a) Develop and annually update an Asbestos Management Plan, which shall consist of:

(i) A safety, health and equipment program;

(ii) A training and medical monitoring program;

(iii) A Statewide operations and maintenance program; and

(iv) An Asbestos Abatement Plan which includes a prioritized schedule of abatement activities; projected costs, based upon criteria established in advance by the full committee; and criteria for managing asbestos projects which may require significant renovations, as well as renovation projects which may require significant asbestos abatement.

(b) Review, evaluate and promulgate asbestos policy, procedures and practices consistent with existing COMAR, EPA, OSHA and MOSH Regulations;

(c) Evaluate asbestos abatement project proposals and establish abatement contract guidelines and criteria for State-owned facilities;

(d) Develop and present to the Governor and the General Assembly by the first day of October each year, a consolidated budget for asbestos management for State facilities that also sets forth the relevant portions of the operating budget of any agency responsible for asbestos management activities, priorities and describes abatement and safety projects, and is consistent with the Asbestos Management Plan.

(5) When the members of the Committee have prepared the Asbestos Management Plan, the Chairperson shall forward the plan to the Governor for approval.

(6) Prior to each legislative session, the Asbestos Oversight Committee shall present a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Asbestos Management Plan for State facilities, the activities of the Committee and the current status of the program.

B. Departmental Responsibilities.

(1) It is the responsibility of all department heads to cooperate fully with the Asbestos Oversight Committee in the implementation of this program.