

## The Challenge

Converting old New England mills to condominiums can be extremely attractive for developers who can obtain significant tax credits. To do this, stringent criteria must be met with respect to the historical appearance inside and outside of the building. Often that requires expensive handwork by skilled craftsmen. The owner and general contractor of such a mill complex in Cumberland, R.I., were looking for a sub-contractor who could not only do the demolition, abate the asbestos, and handle the PCB-bearing materials—but also had the expertise to remove the toxic lead paint throughout the building while maintaining the substrate within the historical constraints.

## The Yankee Process

Yankee worked closely with the R.I. Historical Society staff and their architects to develop and test techniques to attain the desired appearance at a reasonable cost to the owner. We recommended the use of crushed walnut shells as the blast media to prevent excessive damage to the substrate. Yankee also used a proprietary media in some places to encapsulate the toxic lead paint simultaneously with its removal from the surface.

## The Result

Yankee's experience and inventory of specialized equipment meant that there was little down time or delay—even considering that we experimented with different techniques. We were able to remove the waste from the building with minimal environmental exposure and completed the project within schedule and budget.



## About Yankee

Yankee Fiber Control is one of New England's oldest and largest environmental/specialty contractors—we're also one of the most innovative. Our highly experienced team is committed to improvement, and so we're constantly learning and developing new solutions. Under one roof, we've gathered a team equipped with today's most sophisticated methods and technologies—so they can respond quickly and effectively to your contracting needs. We're a privately owned business with over twenty years expertise in servicing our customers, including residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional sites such as hospitals and universities. If you need help with any environmental/specialty contracting issues, large or small, call us.

**We can help.**

### Yankee's Core Services

**Specialty Abrasive Blasting, Asbestos & Lead Abatement, Industrial Cleaning and Industrial Coatings, Air Duct Cleaning, Commercial and Residential Drying and Mold Remediation.**  
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