



Annual Asbestos Notification

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As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos containing building materials.

_____ has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as, the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, our school shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our students and employees.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulation and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the 1970s contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. The primary concerns arise when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

_____ has been inspected and some asbestos containing materials were identified in the building. The materials are distributed in various locations and include floor tile, pipe insulation and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students.

An EPA accredited inspector has inspected all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by _____. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly. Furthermore, _____ is required to complete re-inspections every three years.

The school's Inspection Report and Management Plan outlines in detail the methods used to maintain the materials in a safe manner. In addition, as required by law, appropriate school staff members have been trained to administer this program. Our district buildings, where asbestos containing materials were found, are sealed, under repair, and/or removed from the facilities. Federal law requires a periodic walk through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos.

In addition, short-term workers (outside contractors i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

_____ has a list of the location(s); type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building and a description and timetable for their proper management, as well as a comprehensive Asbestos Management Plan that is available for review in the school office.