

AHERA Yearly Notification Form

August 30, 2022

Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants, and Employee Organizations:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or Somerset County Technical School assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard.

Every three years, the Somerset County Technical School has conducted a re-inspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last re-inspection, all materials listed in the Management Plan as asbestos containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected and appropriate response actions recommended.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. Somerset County Technical School developed a plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements: publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos containing building materials; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed; follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing building materials; and survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

It is the intention of Somerset County Technical School to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan in the administrative office of the school during regular business hours.

Notification for AHERA Compliance Program

August 30, 2022

To Outside Contractors:

This notification serves to inform you of the presence of asbestos containing material in this school building. A Management Plan has been designed to include response actions that ensure the ACM is kept in good condition. If you have been contracted for service that involves disturbing any ACM, please notify the Asbestos Program Manager. We ask that you provide us with a copy of your training certification to verify your knowledge of handling ACM. It is your responsibility as an outside contractor to supply your own protective clothing and respirators if deemed necessary.

If you wish to review the School's Management Plan, a copy is located in the Board of Education Office and each School Administrative Office.

Contractors Name: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

AHERA Designated Person Statement of Responsibilities

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY (LEA) GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER AHERA

Pursuant to Section 763.84 and Section 763.93 of the EPA Asbestos in Schools Regulation (40 CFR Part 763), each management plan must contain a true and correct statement, signed by the LEA designated person, that certifies that the general LEA responsibilities have been met.

ASSURANCES

1. The activities of any persons who perform inspections, reinspections, and periodic surveillance, develop and update management plans, and develop and implement response actions, including operations and maintenance, are carried out in accordance with 40 CFR Part 763, Subpart E.
2. All custodial and maintenance employees are properly trained as required in 40 CFR Part 763, Subpart E and all other applicable federal and/or state regulations (e.g., the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Asbestos Standard for Construction, the EPA Worker Protection Rule, or applicable state regulations).
3. All workers and building occupants, or their legal guardians, are informed at least once each school year about inspections, response actions, post-response action activities, including periodic reinspections and surveillance activities, that are planned or in progress.
4. All short-term workers (e.g., telephone repair workers, utility workers, or exterminators) who may come in contact with asbestos in school are provided information regarding the locations of ACBM and assumed ACBM.
5. All warning labels are posted in accordance with § 763.95.
6. All management plans are available for inspection, and notification of this availability has been provided in accordance with § 763.93(g).
7. The undersigned person designated by the LEA according to § 763.84(g)(1) has received adequate training as required by § 763.84(g)(2).
8. The LEA has and will consider whether any conflict of interest may arise from the interrelationship between accredited personnel, and whether this potential conflict should influence the selection of accredited personnel to perform activities under 40 CFR Part 763, Subpart E.

Somerset County Technical School
14 Vogt Drive
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Date: August 30, 2022

Signature: 

John Heinbach
Designated Person