

Notification of AHERA Inspection and Management Compliance

This notification is to inform teachers, school personnel, parents, and other interested parties of the actions taken by Baltimore County Public Schools to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA).

On October 30, 1987, the AHERA regulations were published in the Federal Register, pp 41826 to 41898, titled "Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools." These regulations mandate that a building inspection and a management plan be developed for all schools. The building inspection, to be conducted by a building inspector accredited by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), identifies asbestos containing material (ACM) within each school building. The management plan is to be prepared by a management planner accredited by the EPA, and ACM identified are catalogued during the building inspection.

The building inspections and management plans have been completed for Baltimore County Public Schools. These documents have been submitted to the State of Maryland in compliance with AHERA's deadline of May 9, 1989. These documents are available at the schools for public review and also at the Department of Physical Facilities, 9610 Pulaski Park Drive, Suite 204, Baltimore, MD 21220. The individual building reports include schedules for periodic surveillance of ACM, re-inspections to be conducted by an accredited EPA building inspector, and planned and completed response actions.

The first re-inspection of Baltimore County Public Schools' buildings was completed in 1992, and subsequent re-inspections have been performed.

To minimize confusion, and to ensure presence of a school system representative, it is strongly recommended that an appointment be made with the school administrator if anyone is interested in reviewing the reports. The public viewing of the documents is at no cost. Copies of various reports are available for a fee based upon the copying cost of the individual report requested.

Integrated Pest Management Program

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program employed by Baltimore County Public Schools is a proactive approach to insect, rodent and weed control in school facilities. The IPM program includes routine inspections or surveys of all school facilities to identify conditions conducive to pest invasion, to ensure early detection of pest presence, and to monitor infestation levels. As a first step in pest control, the IPM approach employs a number of preventative strategies and alternatives to pesticide application, such as employee education, source reduction, inspection and identification of potential problem areas, and improved sanitation. Each approach is monitored and evaluated, and modifications are made if necessary. Pesticides are used only as a last resort.

Maryland law requires that parents of all elementary school children be notified prior to any interior/grounds pesticide application. Parents of middle school or high school students who wish to be notified prior to interior/grounds applications must request that they be placed on the school system's pesticide notification list. To be added to the notification list, send a written request that includes your child's name, your name, address, and telephone number to your child's school principal.

The following is a list of the pesticides and bait stations, by common name, that may be used in school buildings during the school year. This list may be amended during the year if the need arises.

bioallethrin
bromadiolone
chlorfenapyr
deltamethrin
difethialone
diphacinone
fipronil
glyphosate
oryzalin
phenothrin
propoxur
pyrethrins
zinc phosphide

Copies of safety data sheets (SDS) and product labels for each pesticide and bait station used on school property are maintained at each school and by the contact person. Persons wishing to review this information should contact David Glassman at 443-809-6310 to arrange an appointment. For additional information about the Integrated Pest Management Program, please contact:

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