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1.0 Policy

Detroit Public Schools recognizes the importance of maintaining the environment of all school facilities through an operations and maintenance program for asbestos-containing materials (ACM). Therefore, Principals, building administrators, custodians, engineering staff and other staff are required to implement, cooperate with and follow direction of DPS Environmental Health and Safety Department.

1.1 Employee Notification of Asbestos-Containing Materials

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety shall notify all Detroit Public School employees that may work in a school building with asbestos-containing materials or may come in contact with asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in the course of performing their duties of the location and condition of those materials via the availability of the school's Asbestos Management Plan distributed annually in a district-wide newsletter.

This notification will be issued twice per year; fall and spring and will serve to update the school district's Asbestos Management Plan, including updates on response actions and past and planned response actions.

1.2 Parent and/or Guardian Notification of Asbestos-Containing Materials

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety shall address at minimum, the location of information concerning the content and intent of inspections, response actions, post-response action activities, periodic surveillances and re-inspections detailed in the school's Asbestos Management Plan annually via a district-wide newsletter.

This notification will be issued twice per year; fall and spring and will serve to update the school district's Asbestos Management Plan, including updates on response actions and past and planned response actions.

1.3 Contractor Notification of Asbestos-Containing Materials

All contractors that work in Detroit Public Schools shall be notified of asbestos-containing materials in the building(s) and specifically those materials located within the area where they may be working. The contractor is required to sign the "Short-Term Worker Notification Form" stating that he/she has been notified of the locations of the asbestos-containing materials.

The DPS project manager and/or contracted project manager shall allow the contractor the opportunity to review the site Asbestos Management Plan with the district's Designated Person or his/her designee prior to their admittance into any district building. The "Short-Term Worker Notification Form" must be completed by each contractor prior to working in any district building.

The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Health and Safety with the approval of the Chief of Facilities Management & Auxiliary Services is authorized to develop regulations and/or standard operating procedures to implement this policy.

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Failure to comply with this policy or the corresponding regulations/standard operating procedures may result in a recommendation to the General Superintendent for appropriate disciplinary action.

Attachments to Policy: None

See Also:

Detroit Public Schools
Asbestos Operations and Maintenance Program Manual

Legal References:

Environmental Protection Agency, Asbestos Hazard Response Act (AHERA), 1986, 40 CFR 763.93

Labor Contract References:

None