North Gem School District No. 149

SCHOOL FACILITIES

District-Wide Asbestos Program

It is the intent of the District that the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and all of its amendments, alterations, and changes be complied with by all District employees, vendors, and contractors.

The District shall develop and continually update an asbestos management plan for each school, including all buildings that they lease, own, or otherwise use as school buildings, and submit the plan to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for approval. A copy of each school's plan shall also be kept at the school and made available to the public for review. The District shall notify parents, teachers, employees, and employee organizations (in writing) of the availability of management plans. The management plan shall include a description of the steps taken to notify such groups and a dated copy of the notification.

After an initial inspection of the schools to identify possible asbestos-containing building materials, the District shall conduct an inspection every three years to determine whether the condition of known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials has changed and will make recommendations on managing or removing the materials. These inspections and any response actions must be performed by trained, licensed professionals. Every six months, the District will survey the condition of these materials to assure that they remain in good condition. Forms for noting the condition of these materials shall be included in the management plan.

The District will train all maintenance and custodial staff on asbestos and how to deal with it, and notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos-containing building materials. Such training will be conducted within 60 days of hire. Warning labels will be posted in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed. The District will ensure that plans and procedures to minimize the disturbance of asbestos-containing building materials are set and followed.

The Superintendent or his or her designee shall be trained and designated as the person responsible for ensuring that these requirements are implemented.

Legal Reference:

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2650 Asbestos Management Plans, 40 C.F.R. § 763.93

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