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Asbestos Management Plan Notification

2021-2022 School Year Notification on Asbestos

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act - AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent new inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. The School District of Abbotsford 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, the School District of Abbotsford shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the school district were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the district prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, the School District of Abbotsford has completed its AHERA 3-Year re-inspection requirement. The School District of Abbotsford's buildings, where asbestos-containing materials were found, is under continued operations and maintenance.

This past year, the School District of Abbotsford conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

- ❖ Implemented our Operations and Maintenance Procedures through McNeil Environmental.

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. Also, the law requires for all buildings to be re-inspected three years after a management plan is in effect. This has been and continues to be accomplished under contract by MacNeil Environmental, Inc.

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.

The School District of Abbotsford has a list of the location(s), type(s) of asbestos-containing materials found in that school building and a description and time table for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to the district office, who will establish contact with our Account Manager under contract with MacNeil Environmental, Inc. to discuss the management of our asbestos materials or with any questions, MEI is available at 612/890-3452

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