



Asbestos 101

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EDITOR'S NOTES . . .

The "Asbestos in Schools" workshops held in April and May went well, but we had hoped for more attendees. This was an opportunity for Local Education Agencies (LEAs, also known as schools) to bring in their management plans and have ARMA staff review and make sure that the plans were up to date, etc. The purpose of the workshops was to offer free and valuable information on management plans. Most of the attendees had their schools inspected and needed consultation to assure compliance. Remember that AHERA requires that you have an up-to-date management plan at all times. If you could not attend the workshops, MDE has copies of the regulations and helpful information, such as 100 Questions, ABCs of Asbestos, etc. Please contact Larry Vermont at 410-537-3200 or by e-mail lvermont@mde.state.md.us for more information.

TRAINING PROVIDERS . . .

A special training provider meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10 in the MDE Aqua Conference Room from 9:00 am to 12 noon. This conference room is located near the front desk in our lobby. There will be a sign on the room and there will be no reason to sign in at the front desk. We will be conducting a "**Train the Trainer**" course geared toward the instructors of our approved training providers. This should provide a more effective learning experience for their students who attend their courses, as well as providing networking opportunities. Our course will provide examples using PowerPoint presentations, training videos and handouts that may be useful.

Please provide our office with any areas of interest that you would like us to focus on in this training. We need to have these focus points to our office no later than Monday, July 18, 2010 with a list of attendees to Larry Vermont, so we can provide reference materials.

SCHOOLS ...

To facilitate the inspection of your school's asbestos records, it would be helpful if you could organize your information into a series of folders or 3 ring binders. We recommend using a different folder or tab for each category of information and putting the items in date order with the most recent in the front of each section. Sections could include Your **Original Management Plan, Reinspections, Periodic Surveillances** (Note: In the year of a reinspection only one periodic surveillance is required instead of the normal two), **Annual Notifications** (Note: If a handbook/calendar is used for notifications, be sure to copy the cover

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page that shows the year as well as the notice itself. Staple them together and put them in the section of the binder), **Training** (Note: Include all training for the designated person, maintenance and custodial personnel and any other school personnel who have had asbestos training), and **Response Actions** (Note: Include all actions regarding asbestos whether it was performed in-house or contracted). The more organized your records are, the quicker and easier the information will be found when the school is inspected and when contractors, teachers or parents want information regarding the management plan.

During the latest quarter of AHERA inspections, the following schools were found to be in compliance with the regulations. Good job!

- Pasadena Elementary School
- Old Mill Middle School (North)
- Old Mill High School
- Seven Oaks Elementary School

CONTRACTORS' CORNER . . .

(Tim O'Hare, Section Head, Asbestos Licensing & Enforcement Section)

After over twenty five years at MDE, all in the Asbestos Division, Maria Royster has retired. Thanks to those who came to her retirement luncheon. She will be missed, both personally and professionally.

Please note that the information that is submitted on the notification is used by the inspector to manage their inspections. Please notify as soon as possible when changing the date and time of asbestos projects. We will be issuing Notices of Violations when the inspector shows up at a notified project which has already been completed.

We're clarifying what "NESHAP for the Year" means. If you've done a National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) project in Bldg X in January, and you discover some time later that there are some additional fittings (say 30, in bathroom chases), go ahead and notify it as a separate non-NESHAP project. Please fax it to us the day before. There's no need for a glovebag variance. Please use common sense: if you notify MDE about 500 linear feet of pipe in Bldg Y, please do not notify us 2 days later about another 200 linear feet in the same building.

In May of this year, Baltimore City Circuit Court imposed a civil penalty of \$115,000 against the owner and a penalty of \$1,225,000 against the unlicensed contractor for the illegal and unsafe actions of disturbing of friable asbestos material in a building undergoing extensive renovation.

As some of you may have noticed, we have been issuing Administrative Settlement letters (ASL). This is an enforcement tool used when a significant violation has occurred and has been corrected. Please note that penalties may increase if violations are repeated, showing a recurring pattern. The following are some examples of ASLs that have been completed since the last newsletter.

- ASL mailed 12/11/09 for \$2,000 – Violation – asbestos workers at the site were found to have their hoods down during an asbestos project inspection.

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- ASL mailed 3/18/10 for \$1,000 – Violation – asbestos workers at the site were found to have their hoods down during an asbestos project inspection.
- ASL mailed 4/20/10 for \$2,000 Violation – asbestos workers at the site were found to have their hoods down during an asbestos project inspection.

STATESIDE...

Management plans for state facilities were due on September 30, 2009. If you have not sent in your plan, or the corrections, please call your inspector and let them know a date when you will have the management plan done.

Facilities have been asked to update their information for their employees. Please make sure that Sharon Manger receives the updated information. This will facilitate medical monitoring and training scheduling. Ms. Manger can be reached at 410-537-3200 or at SManger@mde.state.md.us.

STATE EMPLOYEE TRAINING CALENDAR

These classes are only for state employees.

July 2010		August 2010	
14	Supervisor Recert – Aqua Conference Room	18	Worker Recert – Aqua Conference Room
September 2010		October 2010	
14	Inspector/Management Planner Recert – Aqua Conference Room	13	Supervisor Recert – Aqua Conference Room
29	Automotive Worker - Aqua Conference Room		
November 2010		If you must cancel your scheduled training, your supervisor must call Sharon Manger at 1-800-633-6101 ext. 3200 or e-mail SManger@mde.state.md.us	
17	Worker Recert – Aqua Conference Room		

Anyone interested in being added to our list for the newsletter, please e-mail Larry Vermont at lvermont@mde.state.md.us or call at 410-537-3200 to get the newsletter mailed.

