

ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT

Designated person to oversee compliance with Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act and Regulations of 40 CFR Part 763, Appendix C.

This policy and administrative regulation is established to ensure compliance with Federal Regulation pertaining to asbestos materials.

The director of buildings and grounds shall be the designated person for the Augusta School Department, who shall receive adequate training per 40 CFR, to oversee asbestos activities and ensure compliance with applicable regulations. The director of buildings and grounds will oversee the initial inspection and development of the asbestos management plan in cooperation with the applicable state agencies, oversee all operations and maintenance activities, preventive measures, posting of warning labels, required response actions, and the training of custodial and maintenance personnel, as they relate to asbestos matters.

Among other tasks, the director of buildings and grounds shall be responsible for ensuring that the Augusta School Department follows the correct procedures for inspection, management plan development, implementation of response actions, and record keeping. In addition, he/she will provide a single contact for the public to obtain information about asbestos-related activities in the Augusta School Department. Furthermore, it will be the responsibility of the director of buildings and grounds to ensure that the following actions are performed properly:

- Inspections, re-inspections, and periodic surveillances;
- Management plans are developed, submitted to the State, and updated;
- Workers and building occupants, or their legal guardians, are informed at least once each school year about inspections, response actions, and post-response activities;
- Response actions are developed and implemented (including operations and maintenance);
- Custodial and maintenance employees are trained;
- Short-term workers (e.g. telephone repair workers, utility workers, or exterminators) who may come in contact with asbestos in a school are given information regarding the locations of ACBM;

- Warning labels are posted, as needed;
- The potential for conflict of interest that may arise between accredited personnel to be hired by the school is considered;
- Management plans are available for inspection and proper notification of management plan availability has been provided.

It is the policy of the Augusta Board of Education that administrative personnel review all maintenance/construction related activities in their respective school buildings with the director of buildings and grounds, to ensure compliance with applicable asbestos hazard regulations.

Legal Reference: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA),
Subchapter II

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