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Asbestos Management Plan -Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations 763.93

The federal government has been regulating asbestos for a number of years. Progress is being made to limit the uses of asbestos and to identify substitute materials.

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) required the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop regulations creating a comprehensive framework for dealing with asbestos in public and nonprofit private elementary and secondary schools. The regulations were published on October 30, 1987.

The AHERA schools rule requires all public-school districts and private schools, known as local educational agencies (LEAs), to inspect all school buildings for both friable and nonfriable asbestos; to develop plans to manage asbestos in schools; and to carry out the plans in a timely fashion. The rule also provides an opportunity for parents, teachers, and other school employees to become familiar with and involved in their school's asbestos management program. School officials are required to notify parent, teacher, and employee groups about asbestos-related activities.

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