## Annual E.P.A. Mandatory Asbestos Awareness Letter

As required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA), inspections of all Nixa Public School facilities were completed in 1988 identifying the type, quantity, and location of asbestos containing materials (ACM). Schools built during and after 1989 were instructed to use no asbestos materials and this was specifically noted in the school designs.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral and has been used in building materials for many years. Unless it is disturbed or damaged, it poses no health risk.

Management plans have been developed for all facilities regardless of ACM content. Depending upon the condition and potential for exposure, the plan calls for repair, continued surveillance, and in some cases, removal of ACM. Presently many schools which had contained asbestos have been renovated to remove all inspected ACM. School plans are available for review during regular business hours by contacting the Asbestos Management Coordinator.

If you have any questions concerning the Management Plan, please contact Robert Klug, Asbestos Management Coordinator at 417-449-3298. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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