

AHERA Notification

In 1987 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) under Title 40 Part 763, Subpart E of the Code of Federal Regulations. This rule required local education agencies (LEAs) to identify friable and non-friable asbestos-containing material (ACM) in public and private elementary and secondary schools by visually inspecting school buildings for such materials, sampling such materials if they are not assumed to be ACM, and having samples analyzed by appropriate techniques referred to in this rule.

In keeping with this legislation, the Marple Newtown Township School District was inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and a comprehensive management plan was developed for handling asbestos containing building material in a safe and responsible manner. This plan was originally developed and submitted to the Commonwealth in 1989.

This year, MNSD conducted the following actions with respect to its asbestos containing building materials: Performance of periodic inspections of ACM by building engineering/maintenance staff.

A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for review in the district's Operations Office.

Questions related to the plan should be directed to Jake Gallagher, Director of Operations, Marple Newtown School District, 610-359-4285