

AHERA Audit/Inspection

Opening Conference

Introductions - Sign in sheet
Notice of Inspection Form - signatures

AHERA

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) was enacted in 1986 and mandated the US Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate rules regarding asbestos hazards in schools. This rule requires all private and public non-profit elementary and secondary schools to inspect their schools for asbestos containing building materials (ACBM), develop a plan to manage the asbestos in each school building, notify parents and staff regarding the management plan availability, provide asbestos awareness training to school maintenance and custodial workers, and implement timely actions (repair, encapsulation, enclosure, removal) when necessary. The following is an outline of required actions by a Local Education Agency (LEA), under the AHERA regulations

Inspection/Management Plan - LEA must conduct an initial inspection to identify ACBM in all school buildings and develop a management plan.

6 month periodic surveillance - LEA must conduct periodic surveillance, at least every six months, in buildings that contain ACBM

3 year re-inspections - LEA must conduct re-inspections every three years by a certified inspector/management planner

Annual reporting/notifications - LEA must provide annual notifications regarding availability of management plans and any response actions

Training of Staff - LEA must provide maintenance and custodial staff with 2 hour asbestos awareness training and an additional 14 hours for staff that conduct activities that will result in disturbance

Designated Person - LEA must assign and train a designated person to oversee asbestos activities and ensure compliance with AHERA requirements.

True and Correct Statement - Must be signed by the designated person that certifies that the general responsibilities of the LEA have been met (see example form)

Warning Labels - Post warning labels adjacent to ACBM located in routine maintenance areas

Documentation - LEA must maintain documentation of inspections, re-inspections, surveillance, response actions and training.

Records Needed from LEA

Original and updated AHERA Inspection Reports
Original and updated AHERA Management Plans
AHERA Periodic Surveillance forms
Asbestos abatement records
List of School Buildings
Dates buildings/schools occupied
Dates of original construction
Dates of additions/renovations
Diagrams/Floor plans
List of custodians/maintenance personnel
Training received by custodians/maintenance personnel

Itinerary

Opening Conference/LEA Records Review
Inspection School Building #1
Inspection School Building #2
Inspection School Building #3 ?
Closing Conference/Sign Out