



EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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A.H.E.R.A. REPORT

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

In the early 1980's EHT BOE complied fully with an asbestos containing material inspection and abatement law. At that time, the EHT BOE removed all potentially hazardous asbestos containing material. The new Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A.H.E.R.A.) is more stringent, requiring identification of all asbestos containing material, whether in a hazardous condition or not. Accordingly, the EHT Board of Education has inspected its facilities for asbestos containing materials and developed a management plan for dealing with said materials.

There are two conditions of asbestos: friable and nonfriable. Friable means that the asbestos containing material is in such a state that asbestos fibers could be released into the air by hand or lesser pressure. Airborne fibers can be inhaled and ultimately affect the human lung.

The asbestos containing material (ACM) remaining in our facilities is minimal and limited to a nonfriable condition. Most of the material is located in boiler rooms or above hall ceilings – areas not accessed frequently or by many people.

Our plan is either to remove this nonfriable asbestos containing material or to monitor it regularly to insure that it remains nonfriable. When we remove asbestos containing materials, we shall do so in compliance with law to ensure that we do not release fibers into the air.

In each school there is an asbestos file which is open to the public. The file will disclose the location of any asbestos containing material and the plan for dealing with it.

Should you have any questions, please contact Henry Rodrique, EHT BOE Director of Facilities with AHERA Inspector/Management Planner Accreditation.