



School Year 2019-2020

In 1986, Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) primarily to require school districts to identify Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) in their school buildings and take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers. In 1987, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a regulatory program which enforces AHERA.

In compliance with the AHERA regulations, Horry County Schools had its school facilities inspected by a U.S. EPA and South Carolina accredited Asbestos Building Inspector. During the inspection, samples were taken of building material suspected of containing asbestos. The results of the inspection and laboratory analysis of a number of samples have confirmed the presence of ACM in portions of some school facilities.

Upon confirmation of the presence of ACM, a U.S. EPA and South Carolina accredited Management Planner developed an Asbestos Management Plan for schools which were found to contain ACM. The Asbestos Management Plan includes inspection and physical assessment reports, a training program for our custodial and maintenance personnel, plans and procedures to be followed to minimize disturbance of known ACM, and a program for regular surveillance of ACM.

Horry County Schools participates in the federally mandated AHERA program. In general, and at a minimum, the AHERA program requires the school district to complete the following:

- Develop and maintain in a conspicuous place an approved and appropriate Asbestos Management Plan. In addition, this plan must be made available to concerned persons during reasonable hours.
- Re-inspection of buildings by an accredited inspector must be conducted every three years on all friable and non-friable known or assumed Asbestos Containing Building materials (ACBM) to determine whether the condition of the ACBM has changed, and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM.
- Surveillance by a person knowledgeable in the on-going condition of the schools' asbestos must be conducted every six months on all friable and non-friable known or assumed ACBM to determine whether the condition of the ACBM has changed.
- Provide training to custodial and maintenance persons at least once during their tenure at the school and within sixty days of their employment.
- Provide a yearly notice to parents, teachers, and other building occupants as to the current condition of ACM and/or ACBM and the actions taken during the past year as well as actions to be taken in the year to come.

According to the current Asbestos Management Plans, ACM are located within some Horry County Schools. A copy of each of these schools' Asbestos Management Plan is located at the school office and at Horry County Schools' District Office (335 Four Mile Rd in Conway, SC 29528).

Six-month asbestos periodic surveillances are completed biannually during June and December of each year. The next three-year inspection will be completed in 2021-2022. Asbestos abatement projects were recently completed in 2019 at North Myrtle Beach High School, 3750 Sea Mountain Highway, Little River, SC, and at the Horry County Schools Transportation Warehouse and Records Center, 2205/2207 Church St, Conway, SC.

For further details on specific locations of ACBM, or on specific asbestos activities, a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the District Office during regular office hours. Inquiries regarding the Horry County Schools Asbestos Management Plan may be directed to Joe Burch, HCS Coordinator of Planning at (843)488-6712, PO Box 260005, Conway, SC 29528-6005.