

Yellow Medicine East ISD #2190  
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Asbestos Notification

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act – AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. The Yellow Medicine East School District has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit as well as the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, Yellow Medicine East shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and its employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings owned or leased by the Yellow Medicine East School District are continually inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples are analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the District has prepared and the state has approved a comprehensive management plan for the safe and responsible handling of asbestos within its buildings.

Furthermore, Yellow Medicine East has completed its three-year re-inspection required by AHERA. In 1998, when asbestos-containing materials were found, the Yellow Medicine East School District completed nearly all of the final asbestos abatement removal and repairs. Only a small amount of asbestos is remaining in the District owned buildings at this time. By law, this asbestos remains contained and maintained.

Federal law required a periodic walk-through (called surveillance) every six months of each area containing asbestos. In addition, the law required all buildings to be re-inspected three years after a management plan is in effect. Institute for Environmental Assessment, Inc. will accomplish this under contract. Areas where management issues are noted during inspections and surveillances have been, and will continue to be, dealt with promptly.

Short-term workers (outside contractors such as telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

Yellow Medicine East has a list of the locations(s); types(s) of asbestos-containing materials found in each school building and a description and timetable for proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the District Office. Copies are available for 25-cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to the District Office, who will establish contact with our account manager under contract with Institute for Environmental Assessment, Inc. To reach Institute for Environmental Assessment, Inc. to discuss the management of our asbestos materials or with any questions call (507) 829-7372.