



Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Annual Notification Letter February 2022

Federal legislation requires that employees and building occupants be informed annually regarding asbestos inspections, response actions, and post-response action activities.

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that the Newton Public Schools, acting as the Local Education Agency (LEA), ensure that all school buildings are visually inspected by accredited asbestos inspectors. Commencing in 1989, requirements of the AHERA regulations must be implemented. This regulatory documentation shall be maintained in each School's Asbestos Management Plan (Plan). The LEA must assign a Designated Person to ensure the requirements of the AHERA regulations are properly maintained.

The results of the asbestos inspection(s) are reported in the Management Plan, which is required to be updated every three (3) years, including: response action documentation, 6-month periodic surveillance, training, and evaluation of resources. At the local level, the LEA must make available the Plan for general review by employees and building occupants. The District continues to update and improve the AHERA Asbestos Management Plan for each school.

A copy of each school's current Three-Year Re-Inspection Report (designated as the current Asbestos Management Plan) is available for on-site review in each School's Main Office during normal school hours. The AHERA documentation is also maintained by the LEA's Designated Person, Mr. Joseph Crossen, Newton Public Schools Manager of Facilities.

Any inquiries regarding the management of asbestos-containing materials within the Newton Public School buildings should be directed to Mr. Crossen at (617) 559-9004, by mail at 100 Walnut Street, Newton, MA 02460 or by [email](#).

