

## SECTION 1.1 - ASBESTOS PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### **Local Education Agency (LEA)**

#### **Idaho Falls School District 91**

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The use of asbestos in the construction of buildings was common practice throughout much of the 1900's. On October 22, 1986, Congress promulgated the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), Public Law 99-519. AHERA mandated that EPA develop regulations to respond to asbestos in schools. On October 30, 1987, EPA promulgated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule (hereinafter referred to as the AHERA Rule), 40 CFR Part 763, Subpart E.

The governing authority responsible for compliance with the AHERA Rule is the Local Education Agency (LEA). "Local Education Agency" means any local educational agency as defined in Section 198 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (the school district). The AHERA Rule requires schools to appoint an asbestos management coordinator, called the "AHERA designated person" to be responsible for asbestos-related activities within the District. The Designated Person (DP) for District 91 is the Environmental Safety and Health Specialist. The ES&H Specialist's office is located in the Maintenance and Operations Building, 625 7th Street, Idaho Falls, ID. (208) 525-7585 #4. Resources are provided for the asbestos program under the Maintenance and Operations budget.

The DP is responsible for asbestos-related activities within the District, including inspecting school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM), notifying parents and staff regarding management plan availability, providing asbestos awareness training to school maintenance and custodial workers, developing, implementing and updating asbestos management plans, taking appropriate response actions and complying with AHERA's recordkeeping requirements. Asbestos that has been identified will pose little risk if it is well maintained under an operations and maintenance program. EPA only requires asbestos removal to prevent significant public exposure to airborne asbestos fibers during building demolition or renovation activities.

The management plan is a site-specific guidance document the LEA designated person must follow in managing the ACBM present in each school building. Idaho Falls School District 91 conducted asbestos inspections and prepared management plans for each of its school buildings in 1988/1989, and revised and updated the management plans in 2010/2011. A list of these buildings

is provided below. Each of the buildings has an Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) that is available for review by employees and the public. The AMP is located in the office of the Environment Health & Safety Specialist and on the Asbestos Management Plan pages for each school on the District Environmental Health & Safety website. As of the date of this revision, the Asbestos Management Plan website is under construction. Hard copy AMPs are located in the head custodian's office for each school that is not listed on the AMP website.

A complete list of the asbestos containing materials identified in the building, their locations and current status can be found in the tables of the most recent re-inspection report located in Section 3 of the Management Plan. Section 7, the Maintenance and Operations Plan, describes how ACM is contained and maintained to ensure the environment in each building is kept safe.

Three year re-inspections are conducted by accredited School District 91 personnel and/or contractors and are ongoing, with a portion of the district buildings done each year. Abatement is designed, supervised and conducted by accredited personnel, and air sampling is conducted before occupancy is allowed following abatement. Asbestos surveillances are performed every six months by head custodians and/or trained asbestos inspectors.

Any pending or current Response Actions or Preventative Measures scheduled will be available on the Asbestos Management Plan pages of the District Environmental Health & Safety website. Most of the friable asbestos has been abated in District buildings over the past twenty years. The asbestos containing material that remains is managed under the Operations and Maintenance Plan and removed in conjunction with planned renovations.