March 16, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: County and City Superintendents of Education

FROM: Warren Craig Pouncey
Chief of Staff

RE: Asbestos Regulations

Enclosed please find a letter to Perry Taylor from Safe State that should be of interest to you. I am concerned that many systems are not in compliance with the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Hopefully, you will take advantage of the training being offered to avoid penalties that can be levied by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

If you have further questions, contact Safe State at the numbers listed in the enclosed letter.

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Enclosure

FY12-3042
March 1, 2012

Mr. Perry Taylor  
State School Architect  
50 North Ripley Street  
Gordon Persons Building  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3901

Dear Perry:

As they have for many years, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to require Alabama school systems to comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The EPA’s Atlanta office conducts several inspections of Alabama schools each year to determine if our schools are meeting the regulatory requirements of this Federal law.

A principal violation often cited by EPA is the lack of a designated person (Asbestos Coordinator) who has received the EPA-required training.

To assist Alabama’s schools in complying with the EPA regulations, the University of Alabama has scheduled a seminar, “Managing Asbestos in Schools” on April 19, 2012 at the Bryant Conference Center in Tuscaloosa.

We request your assistance in notifying school superintendents about this upcoming seminar.

The cost, which includes lunch, is $250.00. Check-in for the seminar is 7:30 – 8:00 AM. The course ends at approximately 5:00 PM.

In addition to an informative agenda, Mr. Scott Halyard, the inspector from EPA Region IV assigned to Alabama, has been invited to help present the seminar. Mr. Halyard will explain exactly what EPA is looking for and answer any questions from participants.

Participants will also be updated on recent lead-based paint regulations regarding renovations in child-occupied areas of schools.

If you have any questions concerning who should attend this seminar, please call our office at (205) 348-4666 or (800) 421-7141. To register for the seminar, call (205) 348-3000 or (866) 432-2015.

Sincerely,

John A. Sikes
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Alabama Asbestos Management Program