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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

City and County Superintendents

FROM:

Eric G. Mackey

State Superintendent of Education

RE:

Asbestos Regulations

Enclosed please find a letter to Dr. Brandon T. Payne from UA SafeState 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 UA SafeState at the numbers listed in the enclosed letter.

EGM/BTP/JR

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Brandon T. Payne

FY23-3014



January 30, 2023

Dr. Brandon Payne
Deputy State Superintendent 50
North Ripley Street
Gordon Persons Building Room 5158 Montgomery,
Alabama 36104-3833

Dear Dr. Payne,

Once again UA SafeState of the University of Alabama has scheduled the seminar "Managing Asbestos in Schools" on April 26 and 27, 2023 to assist Alabama's schools in complying with EPA regulations related to asbestos in schools. The seminar will be offered at the conclusion of the Alabama School Plant Managers Association Conference at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach. Holding the seminar in conjunction with the ASPMA has been successful in accommodating those who may be attending the ASPMA conference.

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

The cost for the seminar is \$295.00. The seminar will begin on April 26 at 1:00 PM. The first day will adjourn at 5:00 PM, and the seminar will resume at 8:00 AM on April 27 and conclude at 12:00 noon.

This seminar is for the designated asbestos coordinator (designated person) of each school. Their role, duties, and responsibilities will be covered. We will provide the checklist that EPA uses for inspection of a school's asbestos management program and discuss the inspection process. Recently designated asbestos coordinators or ones who have never received training need to attend. For asbestos coordinators with prior training some years ago, this seminar will be a valued refresher as the content has been updated.

If you have any questions concerning who should attend this seminar, please call Gregg Cubel at (205) 348-7768 or (877) 508-7246. To register for the seminar, please call our registration office at (205) 348-3000 or (866) 432-2015 by April 14, 2023. We very much appreciate your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Interim Executive Director UA SafeState

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