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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents  
**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
State Superintendent of Education  
**RE:** Asbestos Regulations

Enclosed please find a letter to Dr. Johnny Whaley 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/JW/JR

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Arthur Watts, Jr., Deputy State Superintendent, Administration and Finance  
Dr. Autumm Jeter, Assistant State Superintendent, Support Services  
Dr. Johnny Whaley, Administrator, School Facilities

**FY25-3020**

January 29, 2025

**Dr. Johnny Whaley**  
Administrator, School Facilities  
50 North Ripley Street  
Gordon Persons Building Room 5158  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104-3833

Dear Dr. Whaley:

Once again UA SafeState of the University of Alabama has scheduled the seminar "Managing Asbestos in Schools" on April 9 and 10, 2025 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 9 at 1 :00 PM. The first day will adjourn at 5:00 PM, and the seminar will resume at 8:00 AM on April 10 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 March 31, 2025. We very much appreciate your time and assistance.

Sincerely,



Dr. Christopher Schemel  
Executive Director, UA College of Engineering, SafeState

# Managing Asbestos in Schools and Buildings



*APRIL 9-10, 2025 PERDIDO  
BEACH HOTEL ORANGE  
BEACH, ALABAMA  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA*

*First Day 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Second Day 8:00 AM - 12:00PM*

*\$295 PER STUDENT*

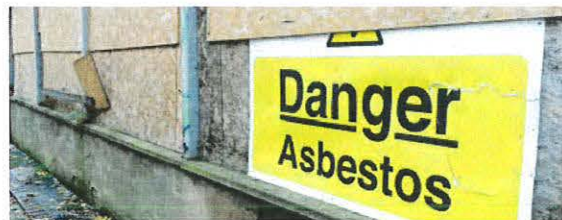
## Register Today

**This class will fulfill the requirements for Training of a Designated Person as outline in the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)**

The principle objective of this course is to familiarize a Designated Person or other interested parties in the basics of asbestos, and to give an overview of the requirements for a local education agency under AHERA.



This class will cover common terms related to asbestos in schools, health effects of asbestos exposure, how to work safe around asbestos, response actions related to asbestos disturbance, regulatory requirements, responsibilities of an LEA, inspections, reinspections, and periodic surveillance, the parts and organization of a management plan, and how to update and maintain a management plan.



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