

CITY OF TOLEDO



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

September 30, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL

Toledo Public Schools
Attn: Ken Swartz, Mgr - Construction
420 E Manhattan Blvd
Toledo, OH 43608

RE: Warning Letter – Harvard Elementary School

Dear Mr. Swartz:

On August 22, 2011, The City of Toledo, Division of Environmental Services received complaints about asbestos renovation activity at Harvard Elementary School, located at 1949 Glendale Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. During an inspection on August 23, 2011, it was determined that renovation activity occurred without proper notification. It appears that renovation had started without proper asbestos surveys being done, and only when contractors noticed possible asbestos, was a survey done, notification sent and cleaned up properly. It is the intention of the Division of Environmental Services to ensure that notifications for demolition/renovation are submitted in accordance with any applicable federal, state and local environmental regulations.

This warning letter is to remind you to follow the proper procedures when planning to do a demolition or renovation. NESHAP 40 CFR Part 61.145 (a) "Standard for demolition and renovation" requires that **prior to the commencement of the renovation**; thoroughly inspect the affected facility or part of the facility where the renovation operation will occur for the presence of asbestos, including Category I and Category II nonfriable asbestos containing material (ACM).

Toledo Public Schools has previously done enough demo/renovation notifications that to not take an initial asbestos survey is an unacceptable practice. If Toledo Environmental Services becomes aware of any other facilities that are being demolished or renovated by the above owner without proper notification then further enforcement actions will be taken subject to possible fines. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (419) 936-3767.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn M. Pedro".

Lynn M Pedro, Asbestos Coordinator
Toledo Environmental Services

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