Memorandum

Date: February 2, 2010
To: All Faculty & Staff of California State University, East Bay.
From: Donna Placzek, Director of Environmental Health and Safety
Asbestos Program Manager.
Subject: Notice of Asbestos Containing Construction Materials Locations at CSU, East Bay.

This notice is being provided pursuant to the requirements of California Health and Safety Code, Section 25915. Asbestos surveys have confirmed the presence of asbestos containing construction materials (ACCM) on the Hayward and Concord Campuses.

By this notice, you are hereby informed that asbestos containing construction materials (ACCM) have been identified in buildings at California State University, East Bay. A detail listing of locations where the asbestos containing materials have been identified is found on the CSUEB Environmental Health and Safety website. To get the listing, go to the EHS Website, click Programs & Guidelines then by clicking Asbestos and Lead you will be brought to this page:

http://www.aba.csueastbay.edu/EHS/asbestos_info.htm

In general most asbestos on campus is located in certain pipe insulation, fire doors, floor tiles, joint compound on walls, baseboard mastic and other adhesives, and structural fireproofing. Please note the list does not contain all locations that may contain asbestos. So, before any plans or actions that may disturb a building material occurs, please contact EHS for a final determination if asbestos is present or not, and what procedures should be followed if it is present. (All Trailers, Valley Business and Technology Building, Pioneer Heights, and the new University Union have all been found not to contain asbestos so are excluded from the building lists).

Please note that only friable asbestos (material that contains more than one-tenth percent asbestos by weight and can be crumbled by hand) is a potential hazard because it may release fibers into the air if disturbed. **Intact, sealed, and undisturbed materials are not a hazard.** ACCM poses no threat to your health unless asbestos fibers become airborne due to deterioration or damage. Significant and long-term exposure to asbestos from activities that directly disturb asbestos containing materials (such as asbestos mining) can lead to a variety of respiratory diseases including asbestosis, lung cancer, and mesothelioma. There is an extremely low risk of health related diseases to University employees because of the asbestos management program and precautions that are followed when asbestos containing material is disturbed, but to further reduce the risk all employees shall follow these basic rules:

- Avoid disturbing ACCM on walls, ceilings, pipes, boilers, etc.
- Do not drill holes on doors or walls.
- Do not hang plants or other objects from walls or ceilings made of ACCM.
- Do not disturb ACCM when replacing light bulbs or performing other maintenance activities.
- Do not try to clean up debris suspected of containing ACCM.

Only authorized and properly trained individuals should perform any work on ACCM or clean up ACCM debris. (Submit a work order to Facilities management requesting this type of work to be performed).

If you would like more information about asbestos or to view the full asbestos management plan, please contact Donna Placzek, Director of Environmental Health and Safety at x 52395 donna.placzek@csueastbay.edu or by calling EHS at x54139.