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From: Offices of the University Counsel and Vice Chancellor
for Legal Affairs and Vice Chancellor for Capital
Facilities

Subject: Asbestos Training and Certification

To: Presidents, State-operated Campuses
Presidents, Community Colleges

New regulations issued by the New York State Department of Labor under Article 30 of the Labor Law now require special training and certification for workers who handle asbestos (Part 56 of Title 12 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York).

The regulations impose additional responsibilities for asbestos work on State University campuses, as follows:

- Certification by the Department of Labor, and training at courses approved by the Department of Health, for employees who handle asbestos and those who supervise them.
- Licensing by the Department of Labor of all campuses whose employees install, remove, encapsulate, apply or enclose any type of asbestos.
- Compliance with work standards, including procedures for handling and removal of asbestos, repairs, enclosures, ventilation, cleanup, air monitoring, waste disposal, sign posting, closing work areas, isolation and encapsulation.
- Notice to the Department of Labor and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prior to commencing large asbestos projects.
- Recordkeeping for all projects involving asbestos.

Certification and licensing are not required for routine maintenance projects involving very small areas of asbestos. Work in

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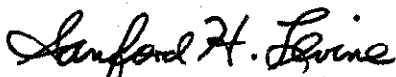
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excess of these small projects (i.e., more than 10 square or 25 linear feet) should not be undertaken unless the campus is licensed as an asbestos contractor, and all involved employees have completed additional training at an approved program and are certified by the Department of Labor.

Legislation has been proposed this session that would increase asbestos training and licensing requirements. We will keep you advised of any significant developments.

A separate memorandum is being sent to the Vice Presidents for Administration at the State-operated campuses concerning the more technical aspects of the asbestos regulations. Since the regulations apply to the community colleges as well, we recommend that the community colleges consult further with representatives of their sponsors and appropriate local counsel on specific procedures for compliance.

For additional information about training requirements, approved courses, work standards and application forms, please contact Lindo Signorelli, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management and Support Services, at (518) 443-5570.


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