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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Commanders, Directors, Tenant Units and Agencies within the Fort Gordon Military Community

SUBJECT: Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 93 - Minimizing Risk from Materials in Government Buildings Containing Potential Asbestos

1. References:

- a. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement.
- b. AR 430-1, Army Facilities Management.
- c. 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Asbestos.

2. Purpose: Fort Gordon adopts this policy to ensure the health and safety of the military and Civilian personnel.

3. Background: Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral fiber once widely used in building materials and other products, including insulation for pipes and furnaces, concrete, floor tile, siding and brake shoes. When asbestos-containing material is disturbed, it can release microscopic asbestos fibers that, if inhaled, can create health hazards. Exposure to high levels of airborne asbestos has been associated with chronic lung disease and cancer.

4. Asbestos may be found in any building on the installation. There is an increased health risk associated with not following recommended handling and/or management measures.

5. Asbestos Management Measures: There are two prescribed methods of providing asbestos safety in buildings:

- a. Abatement, the complete removal of all asbestos. Abatement/Removal is performed by certified personnel.

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b. In Place Management or 'manage in place'. In accordance with AR 420-1 (24Aug12) and AR 200-1 (13Dec07),9-2,b(4)(e), Fort Gordon manages its asbestos program by 'In Place Management', which involves testing and mitigation prior to any work being done for any of its work projects. Risk mitigation measures for in place management of asbestos are:

- (1) Elimination/Removal.
- (2) Encapsulation.
- (3) Isolation.

6. Precautionary Measures:

a. Floors: Some floor tiles in older buildings on Fort Gordon contain asbestos as a binder (hardening property). As a hardened product these floor tiles pose no known health hazardous. To ensure the continued integrity and the avoidance of health risk, reasonable care must be exercised during housekeeping and maintenance of these floors.

(1) At a maximum tiles should only be cleaned with low speed non-abrasive buffers; never grinded or scraped.

(2) Floors should not be stripped using strong chemical or wax removers.

(3) Floor tiles should not be removed or replaced by occupants.

(4) Report all loose or worn out floor tiles to the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) at (706)791-9652 or 791-5520.

(a) Ten or less damaged tiles will be encapsulated or replaced immediately by the Base Operation Contractor (BOC).

(b) Areas larger than ten square feet will be covered and marked off to deny foot traffic. Area will be covered with 6 mil poly by the BOC, until a full abatement is accomplished.

(5) Carpet removal and replacement must be requested through the DPW, via DA Form 4283, Facilities Engineering Work Request.

b. Utilities Areas; bear signs and barriers that must not be crossed.

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(1) Occupants should not enter building basements, mechanical rooms or crawl spaces, for any reasons.

(2) Items may not be stored in or retrieved from any mechanical rooms or crawl spaces.

c. Ceilings, ceiling tiles and overhead pipes:

(1) The replacement of ceiling tile shall only be done upon the return of an approved DA Form 4283, from DPW, **Work Management, Bldg. 14500**.

(2) All wet, damaged or discolored ceiling tiles should be reported to the DPW **HELP DESK 706.791.5520**.

(3) Pipes that are dipping or exposed with torn insulation on them should be reported to the **DPW HELP DESK 706.791.5520**

d. Walls:

(1) No drilling or wall anchoring shall be done without the return of an approved DA Form 4283, from DPW, **Work Management, Bldg. 14500**.

(2) Penetrations equal to or greater than a thumb tack/push pin is prohibited.

(3) No painting, puttying, sanding, removal or re-construction of any wall may be done without the return of an approved DA Form 4283, from DPW, **Work Management, Bldg. 14500**.

(4) No items may be attached to the wall using destructive adhesives, glues or putty.

(5) Wall paper, carpet or sound damping materials may not be added to or removed from walls without the return of an approved DA Form 4283, from DPW, **Work Management, Bldg. 14500**.

(6) Torn, worn or damaged walls shall be reported to DPW, **Work Management, Bldg. 14500** immediately on a DA Form 4283.

(7) Some plaster wrapped pipes along walls may contain asbestos, they should be reported as well to the DPW, **Work Management, Bldg. 14500** via DA Form 4283.

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7. The DPW Environmental Division (DPW ENV) ensures legal compliance and provides survey and sampling for approved projects.
8. Industrial Hygiene reviews pre/post-abatement sample data and provides clearance to re-occupy work environment after abatement work is completed.
9. Safety Office implements the respiratory protection program in conjunction with Industrial Hygiene(IH) in accordance with USASC&FG Regulation 40-8(Respiratory Protection Program), reviews all work orders having a potential asbestos impact, abatement specifications, and contractor's work plans as related to occupation health and safety related issues.
10. The current Fort Gordon point of contact for Asbestos matters is the DPW, Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) and Lead Based Paint (LBP) Program Specialist at 706-791-9652 or via email: ulysses.price.civ@mail.mil.
11. This policy will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.



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