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Subject: Campus-Wide Asbestos Notification

Each year pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, §25915 et.seq., an announcement is made to the Campus regarding the presence and location of asbestos. This memorandum serves as the required annual notification to CSU, Chico, employees. The intent of this memo is to protect employee health on Campus by notifying all Campus employees of the location of asbestos containing materials (ACM) on campus. Asbestos can be found in materials such as floor tiles, mastics, wall systems, ceilings systems, roofing material, pipe insulation, fireproofing material, lab benches, and fume hood insulation panels and in areas such as crawl spaces, attics, and mechanical rooms.

Materials containing asbestos do not pose a threat to your health unless the building materials containing asbestos become crushed or pulverized. In order to minimize the potential for disturbing ACM, staff and faculty should NEVER perform activities like:

- drill holes, insert hangers, or in any way disturb walls and ceilings
- sand or paint any walls on Campus
- cut or grind lab bench tops
- disturb the panels on fume hoods

The Campus has a comprehensive Asbestos Management Program and endeavors to maintain building systems in good condition. To protect employee health, asbestos containing materials should only be disturbed by qualified maintenance workers who have received specialized training in working with ACM. If you suspect ACM has been damaged, please report it to the Department of Environmental Health and Safety at 898-5126 or to FMS at 898-6222.

Any CSU, Chico, employee may review the results of bulk sampling or any air clearance sampling by contacting the Department of Environmental Health and Safety. Buildings where ACM is known to exist are shown on the attached list. If you have questions regarding asbestos, please contact Environmental Health and Safety at 898-5126.