ASBESTOS AND LEAD BASE PAINT

The purpose of this letter is to notify all lessees and employees working at CSU Channel Islands that building materials containing asbestos and painted surfaces containing lead are present at this Facility. Surveys have been conducted confirming the presence and locations of these hazardous materials. Many of you may have received this information in the past, but regulations require notification annually. It is important for lessees and employees to follow proper work practices to minimize the potential for disturbing these materials.

ASBESTOS

Airborne asbestos levels in our buildings are much lower than those in industrial workplaces where serious health effects such as lung cancer and asbestosis have been observed. Asbestos containing materials (ACM) pose no threat to your health unless you breathe airborne asbestos fibers. Asbestos fibers can become airborne due to material aging, deterioration, or as the result of damage. Asbestos conditions may vary, and where ACM has been identified in State building surveys, they were generally in good condition, enclosed, encapsulated or of a type not likely to release fibers unless disturbed.

Avoid touching asbestos materials on walls, ceiling, pipes or boilers. Do not drill holes, hang plants or other objects from wall/ceilings pipes or boilers. Do not disturb ACM when replacing light bulbs. If you find ACM that has been damaged, report it to Facilities Services. If you are uncertain if a damaged building material contains asbestos, or if a suspect building component must be disturbed, report it to Facilities Services or the Environmental Health and Safety office. Do not disturb asbestos containing material regardless of its condition.

Locations in this Facility where ACM has been found are summarized on the attached map. Any lessee/employee may also review other asbestos reports such as results of bulk sampling or air monitoring conducted at this Facility. All asbestos-related data is available for review during normal business hours at the Facilities Services office.

LEAD BASE PAINT

Lead based paint poses a health threat if lead paint chips or dust are inhaled or ingested. Lead poisoning can result in a variety of serious health consequences including anemia, neurological and gastrointestinal problems. Lead based paint in the renovated areas of our Facility is generally in good condition, but to prevent any possibility of exposure precautions should be taken to avoid disturbing this paint. If you are uncertain if damaged or deteriorating paint contains lead report it to Facilities Services or the campus Safety office.

Lead paint at this Facility is generally located on exterior metal building materials such as window and door frames, light poles, pipes and ladders etc. It is also on metal railings, old steam radiators, and some exterior beams, columns and window shutters. Interior and exterior walls and window screens have been repeatedly tested and generally do not contain lead based paint. Do not drill, scrape, sand or otherwise damage lead based paint on building materials. If you are unsure if a painted surface contains lead, and there is some reason that the surface must be disturbed, contact Facilities Services or the campus Safety office.

Updated information will be provided with this notice to each lessee/employee annually. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office of Environmental Health and Safety at 437-8847.
If you have difficulty reading this document, please contact Environment, Health and Safety.