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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Employees, Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

FROM: Marc Majewski,
Director, Environment, Health, and Safety

DATE: February 1, 2017

SUBJECT: Annual Asbestos Notification

In accordance with Section 25915.1 of the California Health and Safety Code, we are providing this notice to inform you of the presence of asbestos containing building materials (ACM) at San Francisco State University. Buildings built in the United States between 1900 and 1981 were often constructed using building materials that contain asbestos fibers. Examples of these materials include sprayed on structural fireproofing, pipe insulation, interior acoustic ceiling tiles, vinyl floor coverings, thermal pipe insulation, wall board and joint compound and roofing materials.

The following buildings contain asbestos in some floor tiles and in building mechanical rooms (Pipe insulation on hot water, steam and condensate lines):

- Administration
- Gymnasium
- Science
- Residence Dining
- Thornton Hall
- HSS
- University Park North University
- Park South

In addition to pipe insulation and the floor tile, the following buildings have asbestos treated insulation on hot water storage tanks, boilers, kilns, ducts, exhaust stacks, etc.:

- Boiler Plant (in Gymnasium)
- Mary Ward Hall
- Mary Park Hall
- University Park North & University Park South

The remaining campus buildings have, in addition to some asbestos impregnated floor tile and insulated pipes, the applications listed:

- Creative Arts Rough ceiling-second floor classroom wing
- Field House Pipe lagging above ceiling
- University Park North Rough ceilings - Maintenance shops
- University Park South Rough ceilings - Maintenance shops
- Hensill Hall Rough ceiling - Elevator lobbies, main corridors, 3rd floor hallway
Spray on fire proofing material above false ceilings – entire building

For information on the location of asbestos at SFSU, please reference the 1994 asbestos survey, available at the Capital Planning and Development Corporation. Asbestos fibers in building materials may become airborne due to material aging, deterioration, damage or construction/demolition work (e.g. drilling, boring, or otherwise disturbing ACM). Inhalation of airborne asbestos fibers has been shown to cause lung disease and cancer (Mesothelioma, Asbestosis, etc.). A comprehensive Asbestos Operations and Maintenance Plan has been implemented to ensure asbestos fibers contained in building materials do not become airborne. San Francisco State University employees, faculty, staff and volunteers play an important role in ensuring ACM in our facilities does not become airborne and pose a health risk. **Do not drill holes, cut or damage wallboard - do not lift or otherwise disturb ceiling tiles – do not damage or remove floor tile - do not “clean up” or in any way disturb fire proofing or insulation.** You must comply with warning signs associated with asbestos maintenance or construction activities and may not engage in any activity you believe might disturb ACM.

If you have questions or concerns about ACM please contact Environment, Health and Safety at (415) 338-2565, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Thank you for your commitment to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy environment at San Francisco State University.