

September 10, 2008

Martha Salazar, Purchasing Agent
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Project: Hidalgo County Old Administration Building Remodeling

Dear Mrs Salazar,

The air-conditioning systems at the building will need to be assessed for the reasons we previously reported. Also, the 2nd and 3rd floors will have to be evaluated for support strength at those areas where the new space-saver files will be installed.

We propose to engage a consulting firm to provide the above assessment and testing. We would provide these services under the Change In Services clause (para. 1.3.3, p. 5) of the A/E contract.

Please advise on the above as soon as possible. Thank you.


George A. Garcia,
Project Architect



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VIA FAX NO. 318-2629

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Dear Mrs Salazar,

MEP Solutions, Inc., our MEP engineer has inspected the existing air-conditioning installations that serve the 3rd floor. They have notified us that the existing system should be tested and evaluated. The items the engineer observed include the age and condition of air-handling equipment, deterioration of the chill water pipe connections, inefficient controls, water build-up in some of the ductwork and the apparent failure of the air volume control boxes located along the ducts. The rooftop chiller units appear to be in good condition, however, they are not working in conjunction with one another, therefore, they are at low efficiency in operation.

The conditions described may also apply to conditions at the other floors in the building. Since this is a major consideration in the remodeling of the building, we recommend that a Building Conditions Assessment be made of the air-conditioning systems. Once we have the assessment report, the engineer can determine the scope of the work required.

Please call me if we can provide any further information at this time.


George A. Garcia,
Project Architect

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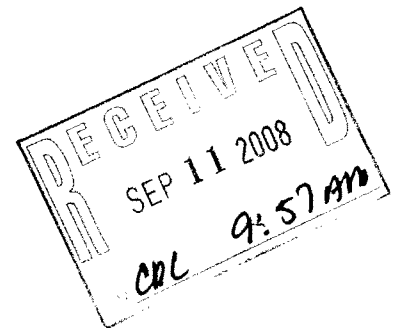
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Dear Ms Salazar,

As we discussed yesterday, to comply with the current Law (copy attached), the areas of the building we are working on will need to be inspected for asbestos-containing materials.

We will obtain a cost proposal for the asbestos survey/report for your consideration.


George A. Garcia,
Project Architect



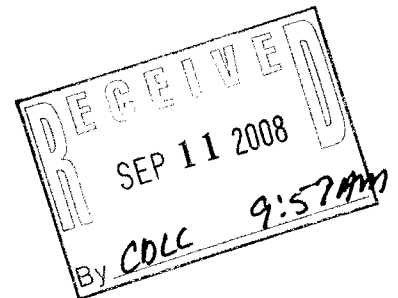
ASBESTOS SURVEY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

On May 3, 2001, Governor Rick Perry signed Senate Bill 509, which requires municipalities to verify that an asbestos survey has been conducted prior to issuing renovation or demolition permits for public or commercial buildings. The survey determines the presence of asbestos and will alert the building owner about whether various asbestos laws apply. The permit applicant must provide evidence of the survey acceptable to the municipality.

This law goes into effect on September 1, 2001, and affects renovation and demolition permits for public or commercial buildings issued by municipalities on or after January 1, 2002.

The Texas Department of Health, Asbestos Programs Branch, would like to work with your municipality on the implementation of this law by providing outreach information and guidance for the verification of survey information. Attached is a list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning this law as it permits to municipalities.

Please contact the Asbestos Programs Branch's Outreach/Information Section at either 1-800-572-5548 or 512-834-6610 or the Asbestos Program at the nearest Texas Department of Health regional office for assistance with implementing this new law. A copy of Senate Bill 509 can be downloaded at www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/asbestos.



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