



Office of the President

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and FUMA Employees:

You have probably read or heard about an EPA regulation issued in 1987 called AHERA – the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act.


This regulation required Fork Union Military Academy to inspect all of its buildings and to locate any asbestos, which might be present, regardless of its form. We engaged the services of a professional engineer, certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia to inspect schools for this purpose, to develop an inspection and management plan for Fork Union Military Academy.

We do have some asbestos, but none of it is a hazard. In October of 1989 asbestos-containing insulation was removed from 9 buildings by a qualified construction firm. Additional asbestos has been removed from buildings since that time. This action was taken in accordance with our inspection and management plans.

A copy of our inspection and management plans is available through the Director of Environmental Quality who will be happy to receive you, review it with you, and answer any questions you might have.

You know that we have always held the education and welfare of our cadets as our first priority; this has not changed. We feel that all our cadets are safe from any short or long-term harm from asbestos.

Sincerely,


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President

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