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*Happy Holidays from the staff of the
Office of Safety and Risk Management*



CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION NOW REQUIRED IN SCHOOLS

New York State has adopted a rule that amends the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code by adding provisions requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detection in all new and existing commercial buildings that have appliances, devices or systems that may emit carbon monoxide or in any space that could be used as a garage (i.e. – equipped with an overhead door). School facilities are included in the definition of commercial buildings. The rule became effective on June 27, 2015. Full compliance with this rule must be completed by June 27, 2016.

The rule applies to all occupiable school buildings with potential carbon monoxide, including instructional buildings, bus garages, administration buildings, concession stands, and field houses.

Some examples of carbon monoxide sources are:

- Fuel fired heating systems such as: boilers, heating/ventilating units, and makeup air units
- Emergency generators within buildings
- Fuel fired kitchen equipment such as: ranges, ovens, steamers and dishwasher pre-heat tanks
- Fuel fired domestic hot water heaters;
- Gas outlets in science rooms

Carbon monoxide detectors/alarms must be provided in spaces that contain carbon monoxide sources and in corridors outside non-student areas that contain carbon monoxide sources. The new regulations require carbon monoxide detectors/alarms that are either hard-wired to non-switched circuits or carbon monoxide detectors/alarms powered solely by a 10-year battery in existing buildings. Additional requirements for carbon monoxide detections systems for new construction are detailed in the regulations.

The technical guidance document for this new regulation can be accessed on the SED Facilities Planning website at: www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/documents/CarbonMonoxideGuidelines.pdf

The complete text of the new regulations can be accessed on the NYS Department of State website at: www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/pdf/TEXTCO_20150602.pdf

Please contact the BOCES Safety & Risk Management Office with any questions or to schedule surveys for recommended locations of carbon monoxide detectors/alarms in your facilities.

2015 BUILDING CONDITION SURVEYS



We recently received notification from SED that the 2015 Building Condition Surveys (BCS) can be submitted through the SED business portal.

There are BCS instructions including how to access the BCS via the portal on the State Ed web page at www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/BldgCondSurv.htm

If districts are entering data themselves, they can use the portal directly with appropriate entitlements from the superintendent.

If districts are requesting their consultants to enter data, the entitlements will need to be provided from the superintendent to those consultants.

The deadline for submission of the 2015 BCS has been extended to June 30, 2016. Please call the BOCES Safety & Risk Management Office with any questions regarding the 2015 Building Condition Surveys.

PESTICIDE APPLICATION ANNUAL REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED

Pesticide Application Annual Reports must be submitted to DEC by February 1, 2016. For each pesticide application during 2015 you must report:

EPA Registration Number - Enter the EPA registration number as it appears on the product label.

Product Name - Enter the registered product name, not the active ingredients.

Quantity Used - Enter the amount of pesticide used out of the manufacturer's container with the EPA registration number on it.

Units - Enter the unit of measure applicable to the quantity used. Use only the abbreviations listed on the DEC reporting form.

Date Applied - Enter the date of the pesticide application in this format: 0101 = January 1st, 1114 = November 14th.

County Code - Enter the county where the pesticide was applied. (Use the county codes from the table on the form).

Address - Enter the street address where the pesticide was applied.

Municipality - Enter the village, city, etc., where the pesticide was applied.

Zip Code - Enter the five-digit zip code where the pesticide was applied.

Reporting Responsibilities - Properly completed, the Commercial Applicator/Technician Pesticide Use Annual Report Form 44-15-26 provides all the information required by the Pesticide Reporting Law for reporting purposes. The report form can be downloaded from the DEC website at: www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/form26.pdf

THE BURDEN OF REPORTING IS PLACED ON THE FULLY CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATORS AND TECHNICIANS, NOT ON REGISTERED PESTICIDE BUSINESSES.

Fully certified commercial applicators are responsible for reporting all pesticide applications made by non-certified applicators who work for them or under their supervision.

EVERY FULLY CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR AND TECHNICIAN MUST SUBMIT A REPORT EVEN IF NO APPLICATIONS WERE MADE.

Mail completed forms to:
Pesticide Reporting Section
NYSDEC, P.O. Box 10699, Albany, NY 12201-5699

The DEC suggests using certified mail for reports submitted by mail.

Recordkeeping Responsibilities - All required records must be available for inspection upon request by authorized DEC staff within a reasonable time and must be sufficient to identify the exact location of the application and the individual responsible for making the application.

Any Questions??

If you have any questions, contact DEC's

Pesticide Reporting Section by email at prl@gw.dec.state.ny.us or by telephone at (518) 457-0110 or (888) 457-0110.

You may also call your regional DEC office or the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office for assistance.

Winter Recess Pesticide Notification May Be Required

School Districts that have applied pesticides [other than exempt applications described in Education Law §409-h(2)(e)] since the beginning of the school year, have an obligation to provide written notification to all staff and persons in parental relation within two days of the end of winter recess. The notification must include the date, location and product used for each application which required prior notification and for each emergency application made since the last notification (beginning of school year). The notification must also include a statement that schools are required to maintain a list of parents and staff members who wish to receive 48 hour prior written notification of pesticide applications, instructions on how to register to be included on the notification list, and the name and phone number of the school's pesticide representative.

PLEASE NOTE: IF NO APPLICATIONS (OTHER THAN PRODUCTS LISTED AS EXEMPT FROM PRE-NOTIFICATION) HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE WINTER RECESS NOTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

Please contact your BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office with any questions related to Pesticide Notification or if you need the SED sample form for notification.

Snowblower Safety

Each year, there are thousands of hospital emergency room visits associated with snowblowers. Injuries most frequently occurred when operators tried to clear the auger/collector or discharge chute with their hands.

Most snow thrower injuries happen when consumers try to clear snow from the discharge chute or debris from the auger/collectors. Always stop the engine before attempting to clear snow and debris from any part of the snowblower.



Safety tips for using snowblowers:

- Stop the engine and use a long stick to unclog wet snow and debris from the machine. Do not use your hands to unclog a snowblower.
- Always keep hands and feet away from all moving parts.
- Never leave the machine running in an enclosed area.
- Add fuel to the tank outdoors before starting the machine; don't add gasoline to a running or hot engine. Always keep the gasoline can capped, and store gasoline in outbuildings and away from ignition sources.
- If you have an electric-powered snowblower, be aware of where the power cord is at all times.



GE Recalls Air Conditioning and Heating Units Due to Risk of Fire

Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product: GE Zonline® Air Conditioners and Heating Units

Hazard: Moisture from outdoor air can accumulate near the unit's heater when the unit is operated with the vent door continuously open. This, along with two shorted electrical components, can create an electrical ground path and arcing, posing a risk of fire.

Units: About 33,500

Incidents/Injuries: GE has received three reports involving smoke and/or fire associated with the unit's heater resulting in about \$30,000 of property damage. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves GE Zonline Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners (PTAC) and heating units with listed serial numbers. These units are most often used in hotels, apartment buildings and commer-

cial spaces. The GE logo is affixed to the control panel door. Units with the following models and serial numbers are included in this recall:

Model Prefix	Serial Number (Begins with)
AZ40E09E	AT, AV, AZ, DT, DV, DZ, FT,
AZ41E07E	FV, FZ, GS, GT, GV, GZ, HT,
AZ41E09E	HV, HZ, LT, LV, LZ, MT, MV,
AZ41E12E	MZ, RT, RV, RZ, ST, SV, SZ,
AZ41E15E	TT, TV, TZ, VS, VT, VV, VZ,
AZ61H07E	ZS, ZT, ZV, ZZ
AZ61H09E	
AZ61H12E	



GE Zonline with front panel removed

Remedy: Consumers should contact GE to schedule a free repair. Do not operate the PTAC unit with the external vent open while awaiting a free repair. Property maintenance personnel should remove the unit's front panel and locate the vent door control lever at the left side of the Zonline unit to ensure the lever is in the closed position.

Sold at: GE authorized representatives and HVAC distributors nationwide from January 2010 through December 2013 for between \$1,000 and \$1,200.

Importer(s): GE Appliances, of Louisville, KY

Manufactured in: China

Consumer Contact: GE toll free at 866-723-2697 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, online at www.geappliances.com/products/recall or www.geappliances.com and click the Recall Information tab for more information.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship status, age, marital status, partnership status, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, sexual orientation, gender (sex), military status, veteran status, domestic violence victim status or political affiliation, and additionally does not discriminate against students on the basis of weight, gender identity, gender expression, and religious practices or any other basis prohibited by New York state and/or federal non-discrimination laws in employment or its programs and activities. The BOCES provides equal access to community and youth organizations.

Inquiries regarding the District's non-discrimination policies should be directed to:

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