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M.S.A.D. #35 is committed to providing a safe environment for students and employees. It is the policy of M.S.A.D. #35 to follow safe practices in regard to the storage and handling of hazardous chemicals in its schools. M.S.A.D. #35 will comply with all applicable Maine and federal laws and regulations concerning hazardous chemicals.

The Superintendent will be responsible for developing a Chemical Hygiene Plan* that includes procedures relevant to the identification, purchase**, storage, inventory, handling, and disposal of hazardous chemicals, maintenance of safety data sheets (SDS), and for ensuring that employees are provided required training and information concerning hazardous chemicals used in the schools. The Superintendent may delegate responsibilities associated with Plan development to school system staff, as appropriate.

The Superintendent will appoint a Chemical Hygiene Officer for MSAD #35. The Chemical Hygiene Officer will have the primary responsibility for implementing MSAD #35’s Chemical Hygiene Plan. The person appointed Chemical Hygiene Officer should be familiar with State and federal regulations pertaining to laboratory and chemical safety and the chemicals used in the schools.

The Chemical Hygiene Officer shall achieve such certification and/or attend such training as may be mandated by the Maine Department of Education or other State agencies.

Legal Reference:

29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200

26 M.R.S.A. § 565

Ch. 2 § 179 (Dept. of Prof. Regulation Rule)

Ch. 161 (Dept. of Educ. Rule)

Commissioner’s Administrative Letter No. 33, June 9, 2005 (Chemicals in Schools)

Cross Reference:

EBCA – Crisis Response Plan

ECB - Pest Management in School Facilities and on School Grounds

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