

Overview of environmental issues (asbestos, etc) - statement provided by OFMC:

There are no environmental issues except as may arise on occasion. The types of environmental issues that have been identified at Indian Affairs schools are: asbestos, lead base paint, underground storage tanks, radon, contaminated soil and PCB transformers/ballasts.

For instance the presence of asbestos containing materials is not an environmental issue unless friable (released into the air). The preferred method of addressing asbestos is to prevent the release through encapsulation. It is not removal. The same is true of lead based paint. The most likely environmental issues are failure of schools to have all required environmental documents on hand, failure to dispose of hazardous material in accordance with regulatory requirements and the like.