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Asbestos in Schools: A Dilemma: Ced-82-114

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In response to a congressional request, GAO reviewed the progress of federal efforts to reduce asbestos hazards in schools, including: (1) the impact of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) technical assistance program to stimulate states and school districts to correct asbestos problems; (2) other actions which EPA has taken or could have taken to protect schoolchildren from asbestos; and (3) state and federal agency compliance with the Asbestos School Hazard Detection and Control Act. The EPA technical assistance program has had some impact in stimulating voluntary inspections and abatement activities. However, it was not successful in getting all schools to inspect for asbestos. GAO found that approximately 21 percent of public schools in 11 states had not been inspected. Moreover, based on EPA standards, the quality of inspections that were done is questionable. Many inspections were restricted to certain areas; in other cases, school officials relied on construction records to identify asbestos-oriented problems rather than on visual inspections and test sample analyses. EPA has not determined when asbestos is hazardous enough to warrant abatement; however, such criteria are...



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