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September 30, 2021

Mr. David Genereux  
Leicester Town Administrator  
3 Washburn Square  
Leicester, MA 01524

Mr. Francis Dagle  
Leicester Health Director  
3 Washburn Square  
Leicester, MA 01524

RE: Public Notice of Immediate Response Action  
Sub-slab Depressurization System  
RTN 2-21538  
Leicester Elementary School

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter provides Public Notice, in accordance with section 310 CMR 40.1403 of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, of the planned implementation of an Immediate Response Action (IRA). The IRA will consist of a sub-slab depressurization system to limit the potential influx of soil vapors into Rooms 105 through 109 at Leicester Elementary School at 170 Paxton Street. The attached Form BWSC-124 provides additional information about this notice and the planned IRA. A copy of the Form BWSC-124 will be posted in the school.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
HETI

Cedwyn Morgan, LSP, LEP, PG  
Senior Geologist/New England Regional Manager

cc: C. Maynard, Leicester Public Schools  
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.





**Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**

*Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup*

**BWSC124**

This Notice is Related to:  
Release Tracking Number

**INFORMATIONAL NOTICE ABOUT IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ACTIONS**

2 - 21538

As required by 310 CMR 40.1403(11) of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan

**A. The address of the disposal site related to this Notice and Release Tracking Number (provided above):**

1. Street Address: Leicester Elementary School, 170 Paxton Street  
City/Town: Leicester Zip Code: 01524

**B. This Notice is being provided to the following party:**

1. Name: Leicester Public Schools  
2. Street Address: 3 Washburn Square  
City/Town: Leicester Zip Code: 01524

**C. This notice is being given to notify the party listed in Section B that:**

- 1. Immediate Response Actions are to be/have been taken at the disposal site identified in Section A.
- 2. Immediate Response Actions taken at the disposal site identified in Section A have been completed. For notices given upon completion of Immediate Response Actions, attach a copy of the Immediate Response Action Completion Statement with the Notice.
- Check here if an Immediate Response Action Completion Statement is attached.

**D. Description of purpose, nature and expected duration of the Immediate Response Actions:**

1. Describe the conditions that are to be/have been addressed by the Immediate Response Actions (i.e., Imminent Hazard, Critical Exposure Pathway), including any potential risks to human health or safety:

Indoor air quality in classrooms 105 through 109 exceeds DEP's threshold values, indicating a Critical Exposure Pathway as defined in the Massachusetts Contingency Plan. There is no Imminent Hazard and no significant risk associated with exposures of less than 5 years, but there is significant risk associated with 27-year exposures to the current concentrations.

2. Describe the activities that are to be/have been conducted as Immediate Response Actions, including any excavation, removal and/or management of contaminated media, monitoring, use of respirators or other protective equipment:

A sub-slab depressurization system, similar to a radon system, is being installed to create a sub-slab induced vacuum field under classrooms 105 through 109 and limit the potential for soil vapor entry into the building in those locations.

3. Describe the specific location(s) where the Immediate Response Actions are to be/have been taken (attach map, as appropriate):

The attached map shows the locations of classrooms 105 through 109.

4. Provide the approximate start date and completion date for the Immediate Response Actions:

Start: Approx Oct 15, 2021. Stop: TBD

**E. Contact information related to the party providing this notice:**

1. Contact Name: Cady Maynard, Leicester Public Schools  
Street Address: 3 Washburn Square, 3rd Floor  
City/Town: Leicester Zip Code: 01524  
Telephone: (508) 892-7040 Email: maynardc@lpsma.net





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MASSACHUSETTS REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE THIS NOTICE

This notice is being provided pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan and the notification requirement at 310 CMR 40.1403(11). The Massachusetts Contingency Plan is a state regulation that specifies requirements for parties who are taking actions to address releases of chemicals (oil or hazardous material) to the environment.

THE PERSON(S) PROVIDING THIS NOTICE

This notice has been sent to you by the person who is addressing a release of oil or hazardous material to the environment at the location listed in **Section A** on the reverse side of this form. (The regulations refer to the area where the oil or hazardous material is present as the "disposal site".)

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

Parties who are taking an Immediate Response Action to assess, and eliminate or mitigate conditions that could pose a risk to human health or safety or the environment, if unaddressed in the short-term, are required by state regulations to notify persons who are in close proximity to the area where the Immediate Response Action is occurring (i.e., "Affected Individuals"). The purpose of the notice is to inform its recipient (identified in **Section B** on the reverse side of this notice) of the purpose, scope and nature of the Immediate Response Action and how to obtain more information.

The regulations also required that the same "Affected Individuals" receive notice upon the completion of the Immediate Response Action. **Section C** on the reverse side of this form indicates the circumstance under which you are receiving this notice at this time. If you are receiving this notice upon completion of the Immediate Response Action, you should also be receiving a copy of the Immediate Response Action Completion Statement that summarizes the work that has been done.

**Section D** on the reverse side of this form provides specific information about the conditions that are to be/have been addressed by the Immediate Response Action, the types of activities that are to be/have been conducted (e.g., excavation of contaminated soil) and the expected start date and completion date for these activities.

POSTING THIS NOTICE

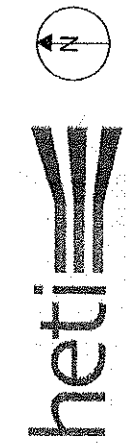
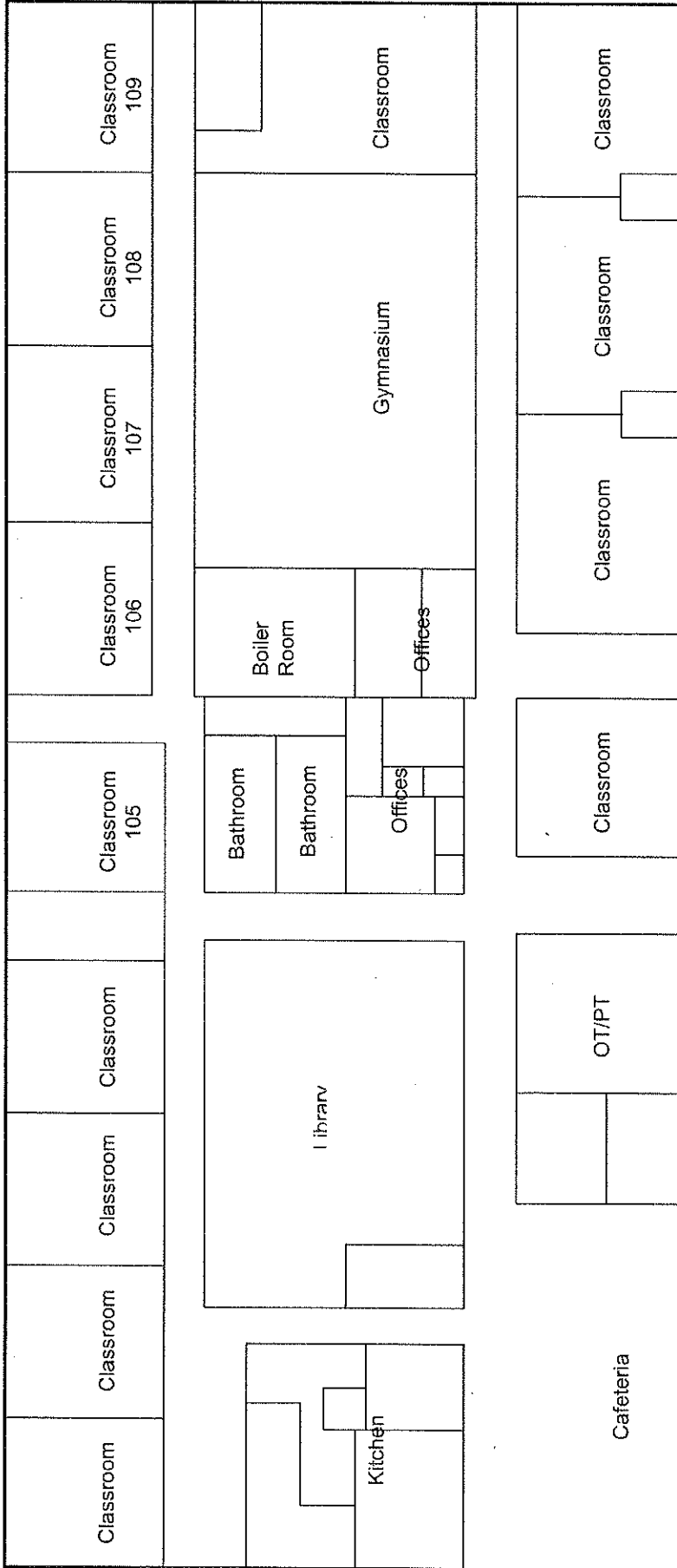
Recipients of this notice who own or operate a multi-unit or commercial or industrial building at which or near the location where the Immediate Response Action is occurring should post a copy of **both sides** of this notice at a central bulletin board, sign in area or other location where it will be visible to people who are routinely present in the building (e.g., residents, workers). The purpose of this posting is to inform these people of the purpose, scope and nature of the Immediate Response Action that they may be observing and/or about which they may wish to obtain more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Information about the general process for addressing releases of oil or hazardous material under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan and related public involvement opportunities may be found at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/cleanup>. For more information regarding this notice, you may contact the party listed in **Section E** on the reverse side of this form. Information about the disposal site identified in Section A is also available in files at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. See <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> to view site-specific files on-line or <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/conduct-a-file-review.html> if you would like to make an appointment to see these files in person. Please reference the **Release Tracking Number** listed in the upper right hand corner on the reverse side of this form when making file review appointments.



FLOOR 1



Leicester Elementary School  
170 Paxton Street  
Leicester, MA

0 Feet 30  
Approximate Scale

Date: 8/11/2021  
Project: 023-162  
Comp: HA  
Drawn: HA

Note: Basemap from School Facilities Schematic prepared by Johnson Roberts Associates Inc on August 18, 2014  
File: [S:\PROJECTS\023-162 Leicester Elementary\Figures\023-162 Site Plans.dwg]

