



CELEBRATING
55 YEARS

nerej

EH&E releases white paper to help building owners minimize risks and costs of PCBs in construction

July 02, 2008 - Owners Developers & Managers

A new, free white paper can help building owners, developers, and others minimize the looming risks and costs caused by the discovery of PCBs in their construction materials.

The paper, titled *What You Need to Know About Managing PCBs in Construction Materials - An Emerging Environmental Issue* (<http://www.eheinc.com/pcbriksmgmt.htm>), details the potential liabilities and current risk management strategies for dealing with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in construction materials.

"PCB-containing building materials represent a newly discovered and significant liability for building owners, real estate developers, REITS, financing institutions, and contractors," said John McCarthy, president and co-founder of EH&E, a Needham-based environmental services consulting firm.

"The regulation-driven remediation efforts can dramatically impact the cost of renovation or demolition, quickly costing millions of dollars for a single, large-scale project. Public and private owners of real estate must be aware of the regulatory requirements, legal implications, and have strategies ready to implement to effectively minimize their risk and remediation costs," McCarthy said.

The discovery of PCBs in building materials generally occurs once a project has been contracted, resulting in costly project change orders that significantly impact the construction schedule and project costs.

This white paper details a proactive strategy to avoid regulatory mishaps in the first place, maintain a safe and healthful building, and to accurately assess the need for and costs of any required remediation efforts prior to construction so that these costs can be predicted and minimized in the project budget.

Download the white paper *What You Need to Know About Managing PCBs in Construction Materials - An Emerging Environmental Issue* at: <http://www.eheinc.com/pcbriksmgmt.htm>.

Or, for more information contact EH&E directly on the web at: www.eheinc.com

New England Real Estate Journal - 17 Accord Park Drive #207, Norwell MA 02061 - (781) 878-4540