

Asbestos Enforcement: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Asbestos Abatement Contractor Enter into Settlement Agreement



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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ") and Grow Environmental & Construction LLC f/k/a LLJ Environmental Construction, LLC ("Grow") entered into a Settlement Agreement ("SA") addressing alleged violations of the Louisiana asbestos regulations. See Settlement Tracking No. SA-AE-26-0030.

The SA provides that Grow owns/or operates a company that conducted an inspection of an asbestos abatement project at an elementary school located in Laplace, Louisiana.

LDEQ is stated to have performed an inspection of the asbestos abatement project to determine the degree of compliance with Louisiana Environmental Quality Act and the Air Quality Regulations.

Grow is stated to own and/or operates a company that is recognized by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors to perform asbestos abatement activities.

LDEQ is stated to have identified the following violations:

- Failure to make the controlled work area inside the containment area visible to inspector's outside the work area.
- Failure to provide evidence of the required training or accreditation of asbestos workers at the time of inspection at the asbestos renovation site.

Grow denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures, and/or penalties.

A civil penalty of \$3,000 is assessed.

A copy of the SA can be found [here](#).