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Mr. David Esparza
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Dear Mr. Esparza:

I am writing in response to your request for EPA confirmation of your qualifications to provide asbestos training in foreign languages to employees and contractors of the U.S. Defense Department in Europe. It is my understanding that you require such documentation in order to adequately respond to a U.S. Army solicitation for bids from West Germany.

The Center for Accelerated Learning presently has EPA approval to offer all ten AHERA training disciplines (basic and refresher training for the Worker, Contractor/Supervisor, Inspector, Management Planner and Project Designer disciplines) in the English language under the EPA Model Accreditation Plan. The Abatement Worker course may be offered as an AHERA-accredited foreign language course in the manner prescribed in our April 18, 1990, policy memorandum regarding that issue. The Contractor/Supervisor and other non-worker courses however, cannot be offered in foreign languages as AHERA-accredited courses. Under existing Agency policy, if these courses were to be carefully translated into a foreign language, they could be offered as quality training courses for foreign students in a manner consistent with the spirit of the Model Plan, but could nevertheless not be represented nor offered for purposes of AHERA-accreditation. By the same token, any certificates issued upon successful completion of such a non-worker foreign language course could not be AHERA or EPA certificates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip W. King", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Philip W. King
Technical Assistance Section
Office of Toxic Substances

cc: Joseph Schechter
Accreditation File