

Brookside Environmental Can Help Child Care Centers Comply with New NJDEP Requirements

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) in coordination with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has adopted new regulations requiring environmental compliance for all licensed child care centers in the state of New Jersey.

Beginning June 1, 2007, The DCF will not issue new or renewed licenses to child care facilities until the proper environmental testing has been completed and a No Further Action (NFA) letter is issued from the NJDEP.

The new NJDEP regulations require a minimum of three tasks:

- Evaluation of the history of the current Child Care Center building to determine if past tenants/owners used the building “in a way which poses an environmental concern.” This is done through a Preliminary Site Assessment (Phase I).
- Sampling drinking water (if water is from non-municipal source, i.e., a private well).
- Submission of a Phase I environmental report to the NJDEP for review (including, if necessary, results of water supply well sampling). If no problems are present, the Phase 1 report will request a No Further Action (NFA) letter from the NJDEP.

If the Phase 1 environmental review uncovers a potential environmental problem, soil sampling and/or indoor air sampling may be necessary. In this case, BEC will perform the necessary sampling and reporting.

Brookside Environmental Consulting, LLC (BEC) has extensive regulatory comprehension and years of experience needed to assist state child care centers comply with recently enacted environmental requirements .

BEC's staff is intimately familiar with NJ's environmental regulatory procedures due to its 15 year history of helping NJ clients meet NJDEP standards.

For more information (and a free estimate), please contact either Andrea McGahan or Gabe Mignot.

