



SAFETY ALERT

No. 02-05

SEISMIC BRACING

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District Memorandum N-8 (2-5-01) requires seismic bracing for file cabinets, book shelves, and other heavy free standing objects to minimize hazards associated with falling objects in the event of an earthquake.

Staff should not install new equipment, or relocate equipment which has been previously braced. Such work should be undertaken only by Maintenance and Operations staff to ensure that proper seismic bracing occurs, and adequate safeguards are taken to prevent the disturbance of asbestos and lead-containing materials.

Please ensure your facility is in compliance with District Memorandum N-8, and that all staff are advised against the relocation or installation of the equipment referenced above. If your facility is not in compliance with the seismic bracing provisions in Memorandum N-8, please contact your Complex Project Manager immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact either the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at (213) 743-5086, or the FEMA Project Management Unit at (213) 633-7192.

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