

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Comprehensive Environmental Program Management and Services



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Client

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Project Location

Southeastern PA

Elements of the Project

- AHERA Program Management
- Environmental Compliance
- Regulatory Agency Interface
- Storage Tank Management
- Site Remediation

KEM has been retained by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to serve as its Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Program Manager as well as its overall Environmental Compliance Manager for all of its facilities.

In this capacity, **KEM** is charged with ensuring the Archdiocese's compliance to the USEPA AHERA Asbestos Regulation as well as other regulations applicable to

Underground Storage Tanks (UST's), indoor air quality, chemical management, etc. The project activities to date have included but are not limited to, the management and oversight of certified inspectors, review and audits of inspection reports and school AHERA files, liaison between inspectors and Archdiocese personnel, liaison between USEPA and Archdiocese personnel and the training of school maintenance personnel. Additionally, **KEM** reviews recommended



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response actions, provides cost information and schedules abatement work within the facilities.

KEM is also providing the Archdiocese with comprehensive environmental engineering, geology, hydrogeology and other consulting services associated with its acquisition and development of real estate. These activities range from the renovation of former school and parish buildings to new uses (such as conversion of existing buildings to assisted living or nursing homes) to the acquisition of properties for the construction of new parishes, schools or other facilities.

A brief listing of projects KEM has completed for the Archdiocese include:

- KEM managed the evaluation of potential indoor environmental quality issues following a number of people becoming ill at a cheerleading competition. During this evaluation, KEM interfaced with first responders, medical personnel and The Philadelphia Department of Public Health.
- KEM has managed the closure of underground storage tanks at numerous Archdiocese locations. Projects have involved subsurface evaluations; incorporating the installation of soil borings and ground water monitoring wells, site remediation, public meetings and development of documentation for regulatory agencies.
- Management of the ongoing AHERA inspection program for Archdiocesan Elementary and High Schools is an additional service that KEM provides to the Archdiocese. KEM oversees the scheduling, implementation and reporting of the reoccurring 6-month surveillance and 3-year re-inspections

required under the USEPA AHERA Regulation. In addition, KEM acts as the liaison between sub-consultants and school personnel, audits school files and coordinates abatement/remediation activities stemming from the inspections.

- KEM has managed the environmental concerns encountered during the renovation or repurposing of unoccupied buildings. KEM performs surveys for asbestos, lead-based paint and hazardous materials and develops specifications for their remediation. KEM assists the Archdiocese in procuring competitive remediation bids, coordinating remediation work with construction personnel and provides required monitoring in support of remediation activities.
- KEM has provided emergency response services, in coordination with insurance personnel, for claims such as plumbing leaks, storage damage, oil tank leaks and damaged transformers. KEM will coordinate the efforts of emergency response contractors to address these environmental concerns and return a facility to full use safely and efficiently.



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