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MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION CHIEFS, DODDS-E
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SUBJECT: Guidance on Installation of Carpet

- A. PURPOSE: To establish guidance regarding the installation of carpet in DoDDS-Europe schools, District Superintendent Offices (DSOs) and the Area Office.
- B. APPLICABILITY: This guidance applies to all DoDDS-Europe schools, DSOs and the Area Office.
- C. GUIDANCE: An increased prevalence of mold-related asthma and allergies among school-aged children and staff necessitates a renewed focus on the indoor environment of DoDDS-Europe facilities. The installation of carpeting in schools is authorized only in Information Centers. All other areas of schools will use non-carpeted surfaces and materials. New carpeting in DSOs and the Area Office should not be installed. Existing carpeting may remain until replacement is required. This policy applies to all new construction including MILCON, renovations and repair. Area rugs may be used, as required.
- D. EFFECTIVE DATE: This guidance is effective October 27, 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Diana J. Ohman".

Diana J. Ohman
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