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Recently enacted legislation requires greater environmental due diligence in child care centers.

In the last two years, a few critical issues at Child Care Facilities in New Jersey caused legislators to pass multiple new requirements to ensure each and every child care center in New Jersey functions in an environment that is free from any hazards that might impact the health of children or their caretakers.

Specifically, each licensed child care center must comply with a series of new requirements designed to make certain none of the water, air or soil that our children are exposed to while in the care of a licensed center is harmful to their health. The first phase of these requirements went into effect in 2007, and the most recent requirement went into effect as of September 1, 2009. A number of factors unique to each center, such as the type of facility they operate in, what types of other tenants occupy the building, and the amount of exposure children have to outdoor areas all impact directly on the requirements of each center within a specified timeframe for compliance.

All centers must now conduct both of the following:

- A Preliminary Assessment Report to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and
- An Indoor Environmental Health Assessment (IEHA) to be submitted to the NJ Department of Health (NJDOH).

The respective state agency will review the reports, including any required sampling, and issue an approval letter to the center upon acceptance.

The table below outlines the primary timeframes and specific tasks required for state compliance:

Centers Impacted	License Renewal Date	Required Tasks	Objective
All new centers seeking license. Any center moving location.	All	Conduct Preliminary Assessment and IEHA per state requirements	Obtain approval letter on both reports
All centers seeking license renewal.	9/1/2009 through 7/1/2010	Conduct Preliminary Assessment and IEHA per state requirements	Obtain approval letter on both reports
All centers seeking license renewal.	7/1/2010 forward	Conduct IEHA per state requirements.	Obtain approval letter on IEHA

With over 500 centers tested and evaluated for compliance, **TERMS** is New Jersey's leading child care environmental compliance firm. We pride ourselves on our responsiveness to client needs and help them navigate these new requirements in an efficient and cost-effective manner. **TERMS works** closely with appropriate state agencies to ensure compliance with these new regulations.

TERMS is a full-service environmental consulting firm both highly-qualified and highly-equipped to assist the child care community preserve the safety and well-being of all our children. As your environmental partner, **TERMS** assures your issues are handled and your interests protected in a timely, professional and cost-effective manner. We enjoy a well-established reputation for quality and compliance with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, the NJ Department of Health and the Department of Children and Family Services.

