



Idaho Healthy Homes Network

## NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is intended to provide a recap of some of the healthy homes and lead-based paint information that we have shared in the IHHN meetings or that has come to us through various Listservs. We hope this will be helpful!

### RECAP--2009 IDAHO HEALTHY HOMES CONFERENCE

The successful 2009 Healthy Homes Conference attracted professionals from around Idaho and Washington, Oregon, Montana, Louisiana, New York, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Maryland.

Conference materials are still available at

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/healthyhomes/conference.cfm>.

We hope that participants will stay involved in the Idaho Healthy Homes Network sharing their energy and ideas. We invite you to the next meeting of the Idaho Healthy Homes Network on **October 20<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.** at the HUD offices at 800 Park Blvd (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) in Boise. Call-in instructions will be provided prior to the meeting for those that cannot attend in person.

### HUD ANNOUNCES FUNDING UNDER FY 2009 NOFA FOR HEALTHY HOMES DEMONSTRATION, LEAD HAZARD CONTROL CAPACITY BUILDING AND GREEN AND HEALTHY HOMES TECHNICAL STUDIES GRANTS

Cooperative agreements and grants will fund technical studies and capacity building grants to improve existing methods for detecting and controlling housing-related health and safety hazards, to develop new methods to detect and control these hazards, and to improve our knowledge of housing-related health and safety hazards. More information on...

#### HEALTHY HOMES DEMONSTRATION GRANTS

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/09NOFA/hhd.cfm>

#### GREEN AND HEALTHY HOMES TECHNICAL STUDIES GRANTS

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/09NOFA/ghhsts.cfm>

#### LEAD HAZARD CONTROL CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/09NOFA/lhccap.cfm> – **CHECK THIS OUT!!!**

### HEALTHY HOUSING COUNCIL BILL INTRODUCED—SENATE BILL 1658

The Healthy Housing Council would have two objectives: encouraging healthy housing through capacity building, technical assistance, public policy, and education; and facilitating coordination and collaboration between federal agencies. The Council would identify policy, program, and research deficits, as well as, best practices for addressing healthy housing needs.

## **NEW GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY DESIGN AND HEALTHIER LIVING FOR SENIORS**

<http://www.epa.gov/aging/bhc/guide/index.html>

## **SMOKE-FREE HOUSING**

<http://www.alamn.org/smokefreehousing/>

[Reasons to Explore Smoke-Free Housing](#)



[http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/training\\_and\\_events/live\\_online\\_events/online\\_event\\_archive.asp](http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/training_and_events/live_online_events/online_event_archive.asp)

## **NCHH MINNESOTA GREEN AND HEALTHY RENOVATION FEATURED IN NEW DVD**

The DVD can be ordered at no charge.

<http://www.nchh.org/tabid/139/default.aspx?ContentID=68>

## **SOME LEED BUILDINGS NOT OFFERING PROMISED ENERGY SAVINGS**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/31/science/earth/31leed.html>

## **CANDLE USE LINKED TO CANCER RISK**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/8211543.stm>

## **WELL WATER CONSUMPTION AND PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

[www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0900852/0900852.pdf](http://www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0900852/0900852.pdf)

## **REPRODUCTIVE ROULETTE**

The Center for American Progress recently published a report, "Reproductive Roulette," that analyzes numerous scientific studies that show a clear degradation over the past several decades in both male and female adult reproductive health nationwide (fertility problems, miscarriages, preterm births, and birth defects are all up), and increasing developmental problems among young children. The report theorizes that a major factor may be that chemical production and human exposure to these chemicals has increased dramatically. The number of chemicals registered for commercial use now stands at 80,000 - a 30% increase since 1979 -- and Americans are exposed in a variety of ways, including through industrial releases, contaminated food, household products and cosmetics, and workplaces where chemicals are used.

[www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/07/reproductive\\_roulette.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/07/reproductive_roulette.html)

## **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**

**NEW: URBAN IPM WEBSITE FROM NATIONAL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

[http://www.extension.org/pages/Urban\\_Pest\\_Management\\_New\\_Feature\\_on\\_Web\\_Site](http://www.extension.org/pages/Urban_Pest_Management_New_Feature_on_Web_Site)

## **BIO-INTEGRAL RESOURCE CENTER—IN ADDITION TO COOPERATIVE EXT SERVICES**

<http://www.birc.org/>

## **IPM IN SCHOOLS**

<http://schoolipm.unl.edu/>

## **BED BUG HANDBOOK—BED BUG CONTROL**

Regarding control of bedbugs, fleas, ticks, etc., food-grade diatomaceous earth seems to be a safe, easy and effective treatment. It cuts into their exoskeleton and desiccates them.



<http://health.state.ga.us/pdfs/epi/zvbd/Bed%20Bug%20Handbook.pdf>

<http://www.dirtworks.net/Diatomaceous-Earth/Bed-Bug.html>

## **SNIFFER DOGS FOR BEDBUG CONTROL**

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/50317617.html>

## **WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION LAUNCHES NEW ATTACK ON LUNG CANCER**

<[www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS107486+21-Sep-2009+PRN20090921](http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS107486+21-Sep-2009+PRN20090921)>

## **NEW: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION RADON HANDBOOK**

[www.who.int/ionizing\\_radiation/env/radon/en/index1.html](http://www.who.int/ionizing_radiation/env/radon/en/index1.html)

## **RESIDENT EXPOSURE TO FIRE RETARDANT AND HOUSEHOLD DUST**

[www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0900869/0900869.pdf](http://www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0900869/0900869.pdf)

## **SMART SHOPPING—THE GOODGUIDE**

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/0830/p25s05-lign.html>>

<http://www.goodguide.com/>

## **HEALTHYSTUFF.ORG**

The Ecology Center (<http://www.ecocenter.org/>) has launched a new database, [healthystuff.org](http://healthystuff.org). The environmental advocacy organization also produces [healthytoys.org](http://healthytoys.org) and [healthycar.org](http://healthycar.org).

## **THE STORY OF STUFF**

[www.storyofstuff.com](http://www.storyofstuff.com)

## **THE NUMBER OF LEAD-POISONED CHILDREN IN THE U.S.**

<http://www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0800408/0800408.pdf>

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5420a5.htm>

## **EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON LOWER LEAD LEVELS FROM NY STATE DEPT OF HEALTH**

"Commissioner's Letter to Health Care Providers Regarding Low Level Lead Exposure, June 2009"

[http://www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/lead/2009-06\\_ddl\\_new\\_materials\\_childhood\\_lead\\_poisoning.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/lead/2009-06_ddl_new_materials_childhood_lead_poisoning.htm)

Additional background information (excellent!!): [www.nyhealth.gov/environmental/lead](http://www.nyhealth.gov/environmental/lead)

## **TWO ARTICLES ON LOW BLOOD-LEAD LEVELS IN CHILDREN**

### **BLOOD LEAD LEVELS AND SPECIFIC ATTENTION EFFECTS IN YOUNG CHILDREN**

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17553667>

### **NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTION IN CHILDREN WITH BLOOD LEAD LEVELS <10 MG/DL**

<http://www.nchh.org/Portals/0/Contents/Article0822.pdf>

## **RESEARCH LINKS LEAD AND HEART DISEASE**

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/healthday/2009/09/08/long-term-lead-exposure-linked-to-heart-deaths.html>

## **LEAD AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE DURING PREGNANCY**

A new study published in Environmental Health Perspectives links higher blood lead levels with high blood pressure in pregnant women, suggesting that lead exposure may increase the risk of developing hypertension during pregnancy. Also, because the women in the study had blood levels below the level considered 'acceptable' by most health agencies, the researchers say the study supports lowering of the blood lead level of concern below 10µg/dL. [www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0800488/0800488.pdf](http://www.ehponline.org/members/2009/0800488/0800488.pdf)

## **EFFECTS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPOSURE ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND BEHAVIOR**

<http://press.psprings.co.uk/adcaugust/ac149955.pdf>

## **CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPOSURE AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR**

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/dhfs/Leadaug08.pdf>

## **CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING AND DUST CONTAMINATION IN FAMILY VEHICLES AND CHILD SAFETY SEATS – MAINE, 2008**

[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5832a2.htm?s\\_cid=mm5832a2\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5832a2.htm?s_cid=mm5832a2_e)

## **LEAD POISONING DAMAGE IS PERMANENT**

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/344/19/1421?ijkey=27c8544f933e4333e59709f873a7fd4723adb346>

## **LEAD WIDESPREAD IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS**

The Ecology Center tested 5,000 consumer products and found elevated levels of lead and arsenic in many. From USA Today: [www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-09-16-chemicals-products\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-09-16-chemicals-products_N.htm)



### **TOXIC TREATS**

<http://www.leadinmexicancandy.com/>

### **LEAD IN MINI-BLINDS**

<http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PREREL/PRHTML96/96150.html>

<http://www.cpsc.gov/LIBRARY/FOIA/foia97/os/bp971.pdf>

<http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PREREL/PRHTML96/96150.html>

### **LEAD IN LIPSTICKS**

A recent study by the Food and Drug Administration found lead in red lipsticks.

[www.thedailygreen.com/environmental-news/latest/lead-lipstick-47072702](http://www.thedailygreen.com/environmental-news/latest/lead-lipstick-47072702)

[www.fda.gov/Cosmetics/ProductandIngredientSafety/ProductInformation/ucm137224.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Cosmetics/ProductandIngredientSafety/ProductInformation/ucm137224.htm)



### **NEW LEAD POISONING PSA VIDEO IN INDIANA**

[http://mediaserver.ihets.org/vod\\_wfyi/indylead.wmv](http://mediaserver.ihets.org/vod_wfyi/indylead.wmv)

### **LEAD PSA CREATED BY OMAHA KIDS**

<http://www.whitelight-media.com/LEAD.mov>

### **CONSUMER AWARENESS -- WORKING SAFELY WITH LEAD VIDEOS**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqUssA-PsD0>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_sDV1RuHdMM&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_sDV1RuHdMM&NR=1)

### **LEAD POISONING FATALITIES**

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm55d323a1.htm>

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5022a1.htm>

### **OTHER LINKS**

HUD's Office of Health Homes and Lead Hazard Control: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/>

EPA: [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)

OSHA: [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

National Center for Healthy Housing: <http://www.nchh.org/Home.aspx>

Alliance for Healthy Homes: [www.afhh.org](http://www.afhh.org)

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; Product Recalls: <http://cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html>

LeadNet – international listserv on lead and lead poisoning; to subscribe: [Leadnet-on@mail-list.com](mailto:Leadnet-on@mail-list.com)

To search LeadNet Archives: <http://archive.mail-list.com/leadnet>

User Name = leadnet

Password = lswp (The User Name and Password are case-sensitive.)

For parents of a lead-poisoned child: [www.alphalead.org](http://www.alphalead.org)

Tamara Rubin's (Portland, OR) website: <http://www.mychildrenhaveleadpoisoning.com>