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OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL

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APPLICABILITY:	All grant rounds.
RELATED GUIDANCE:	
COMMENTS:	

[letter to Mr. Robert Haug, Project Director, State of New Jersey]

Dear Mr. Haug:

From the outset of HUD's Lead-Based Paint Abatement/Hazard Reduction Grant Program, the Department has consistently emphasized the importance of close coordination among various health and housing agencies in addressing lead poisoning prevention issues within a grantee's jurisdiction. To date, there are a number of examples that demonstrate that such collaborative efforts have been established. Agencies, who previously had little contact with each other prior to the inception of our grant program, are now meeting regularly and carrying out joint program activities. In other instances, agencies which previously had limited interaction are now expanding their efforts to strengthen their cooperative relationships. We are pleased that such cooperation is occurring because lead-based paint is an issue which cannot be solved by health or housing agencies acting independently.

Despite this progress, however, we are aware that there are some jurisdictions which have not completely embraced a collaborative approach to lead poisoning prevention. In particular, there may be some jurisdictions which have not fully included Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention grant programs in their overall lead-based

paint hazard reduction strategies. CDC grant programs, as well as state or locally funded childhood lead poisoning prevention programs have provided leadership and direction for ensuring that lead poisoned children receive services essential for improving health outcomes. Their expertise and experience in screening children, providing community education and outreach, and medical case management services could be a valuable asset to housing agencies already financing and rehabilitating properties as part of a hazard reduction strategy.

We do not want to dwell on the myriad of reasons for this lack of participation nor are we interested in assessing blame. Rather, we want to underscore the fact that we consider childhood lead poisoning prevention programs an important component of our grant program and urge renewed efforts to invite their participation. It is up to you to determine the nature and role each agency plays in program activities. However, we all have a responsibility to work together to address this public health threat.

I look forward to getting positive feedback on the role childhood lead poisoning prevention programs are having in your grant program efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellis Goldman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Ellis G. Goldman
Director, Program Management Division