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Lead Safety Regulations to Cover Foreclosed Properties

The Lead Safe Housing Rule will apply to the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed pre-1978 homes under the new major federal housing law, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. The law's main focus is to provide for housing reform in mortgage markets; however it also sets \$4 billion aside in emergency assistance to redevelop abandoned and foreclosed homes.

This funding will allow States and local governments to buy, redevelop and sell these homes, and use any profits on assistance to redevelop more homes. Under the law, HUD may specify alternatives to Community Development Block Grant requirements to speed implementation. Fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and environmental requirements (e.g., the Lead Safe Housing Rule) will remain in place.

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HUD Announces \$131 Million in Grants to Protect Thousands of Children from Dangerous Lead and Other Home Hazards

On October 15, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced more than \$131 million in grants to 66 local projects to conduct a wide range of activities, from eliminating lead hazards in homes to increasing public awareness about childhood lead poisoning. Read the press release at: <http://www.hud.gov/news/release.cfm?content=pr08-159.cfm>

Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids Campaign

The Campaign events include demonstrations in the Home Health and Safety Pavilion, re-create a home environment and teach children how to be safe at home. Campaign events include training on lead paint, mold, pests, fire safety and dangerous chemicals.

Upcoming events with the exhibit include:

The Marine Mile

(in conjunction with the Marine Marathon and Camp Kids)

October 25, 2008, Washington, DC

Location: Pentagon Parking Lot,
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

For more information about these events, or to let us know about health events happening in your community, contact Susan Horowitz at Susan.I.Horowitz@hud.gov.





BUILDING A FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTHY HOUSING

2008 National Healthy Homes Conference

*A Great Success in Bringing Together Health,
Housing and the Environment*

The **Building a Framework for Healthy Housing** conference in Baltimore, Maryland convened over 1,300 subject-matter experts to discuss regulatory, policy, research, and outreach needs and their implications in the development of comprehensive, integrated approaches linking health and housing to ensure safe, healthy and efficient housing. The Conference examined the lessons learned from our national lead poisoning prevention strategy and the current state of the art to begin building the framework needed to develop a national healthy housing agenda.

The **Building a Framework for Healthy Housing** conference focused on key themes for creating and maintaining housing that is sustainable, safe, healthy and energy efficient including:

- Building Capacity to Deliver Healthy Housing;
- Mainstreaming Healthy Housing Principles;
- Creating Healthy Housing through Research;
- Developing Enforcement and Regulatory Strategies;
- Marketing Healthy Housing; and
- Educating the Public and Practitioner

Shortly we will be posting the presentations from the conference at:
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/2008NHHC.cfm>

SOUTH FLORIDA ASTHMA GROUP ANNOUNCES PILOT STUDY ON HOME INTERVENTIONS

South Florida now has an asthma consortium to assist with community educational and research issues about controlling and managing asthma. For the past 6 months, the Chairman, Dr. Janvier Gasana, has worked closely with Andrew Cuddihy, of the American Lung Association, and other leading professionals in the South Florida Community, to create a stand-alone non-profit organization, South Florida Asthma, Inc. This asthma consortium includes members from all major South Florida universities and hospitals to help fight asthma. The consortium has also received support from the health departments and school boards of each county it represents, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe.

The consortium's first research project will be a year-long pilot study about the impact of intervention efforts to manage asthma in South Florida's unique tropical climate. The pilot study will include 20 homes in each of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe counties, as well as 20 homes from each of the areas of Belle Glade and Homestead. Further information is available at www.SouthFloridaAsthma.org, or by contacting Dr. Janvier Gasana at Janvier.Gasana@gmail.com, or Michael Melchior, the Executive Director, at Mike.Melchior@gmail.com.

This consumer is ecstatic about the new Consumer Products Safety Law



On August 14, 2008 President Bush signed into law the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act. The law will impact lead content and other substances in children's toys. Find out more about the law at <http://www.cpsc.gov/>



HUD NEWS

LEAD REGULATION TRAINING INITIATIVE

OHHLHC is implementing a national training program to provide information to HUD staff about monitoring for compliance with the Lead Safe Housing and Lead Paint Disclosure Rules.

To date, staff in eight HUD Field Offices, including Boston, Hartford, Louisville, New York, Pittsburgh, Portland (OR), San Antonio and Salt Lake City have been trained.

Across the country HUD and its state and local housing partners spend billions of dollars each year on housing programs that require lead hazard identification and control. The regulations in this area can be complex and require careful attention from monitors to ensure that children living in HUD supported housing are protected from lead hazards. Through enhanced understanding of HUD's policies and regulations more of our nation's children will be protected from lead hazards in and around their homes.

CHIP KEY PART OF MINNESOTA AGREEMENT

The OHHLHC is pleased to announce a new Child Health Improvement Project (CHIP) in St. Paul, Minnesota. Under a federal consent decree to resolve violations of the Lead Disclosure Rule, a management company has agreed to provide \$50,000 to the non-profit community development organization SPARC. This funding is expected to support the purchase and installation of new windows in 50 homes of low-income families. SPARC's mission is to create and maintain healthy, affordable and sustainable neighborhoods by improving residential and commercial vitality in high-risk neighborhoods.

OHHLHC would like to thank Jim Yannarely of the Saint Paul Department of Public Health for identifying SPARC, and for providing oversight and clearance of the projects. For more information, or if you have suggestions for future CHIPs, contact Tara Jordan Radosevich at tara.j.radosevich@hud.gov.

Meet the Lead Programs Enforcement Division (LPED)

Formerly the Compliance Assistance and Enforcement Division

Zuleika Morales-Romero, Director

Enforcement of HUD's lead regulations is an important component of reducing children's exposure to lead hazards. LPED's mission is to help end childhood lead poisoning through the enforcement of the Lead Disclosure and the Lead Safe Housing Rules under Title X. LPED forms partnerships with State and local governments and community groups to share data, conduct inspections, and direct enforcement of the Lead Disclosure Rule for pre-1978 rental units and units that are transferred in property sales. To target our enforcement efforts, LPED conducts inspections of those owners and managers with a track record of having properties with housing code violations, known lead-based paint hazards and cases of lead-poisoned children.

LPED welcomes your assistance, as well as assistance from housing and health departments, and community-based groups, in identifying these owners and managers. This fiscal year LPED has conducted inspections in Washington, DC, Milwaukee and North Carolina; inspections are scheduled in eight additional cities in FY 2008 and LPED is beginning identify target cities for FY 2009 inspections. Visit us at www.hud.gov/offices/lead/enforcement/index.cfm for more information on the Lead Programs Enforcement Division.

CALL FOR ARTICLES

OHHLHC encourages our colleagues and partners to contribute articles, announcements and other materials to this newsletter. If you want to showcase your program, report recent interesting research results, describe outreach materials you have produced, or let the Healthy Homes community know about an event you are sponsoring, please let us know. Materials can be submitted electronically to either Marty Nee at Martin.J.Nee@hud.gov or Gary Dewalt at healthyhomesnews-owner@quantech.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control will be exhibiting at the following 2008 conferences:

EEBA 2008 EXCELLENCE IN BUILDING CONFERENCE AND EXPO

ARIZONA GRAND RESORT, PHOENIX, AZ.

[OCTOBER 22-24, 2008](#)

APHA 2008 PUBLIC HEALTH WITHOUT BORDERS

SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER, SAN DIEGO, CA

[OCTOBER 25-29, 2008](#)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS

LAS VEGAS (HILTON)

[JANUARY 20-23, 2009](#)

RESOURCES

- ❖ CDC's Lead Poisoning Prevention home page [www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/]
- ❖ CDC's Healthy Homes Initiative [www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/healthyhomes.htm]
- ❖ CDC's Healthy Housing Reference Manual [www.cdc.gov/nceh/publications/books/housing/housing.htm]
- ❖ CPSC's Overview page [www.cpsc.gov/about/about.html]
- ❖ EPA's Children's Health Protection [yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/homepage.htm]
- ❖ EPA's Indoor Air Quality Resources [www.epa.gov/iaq/]
- ❖ EPA's Lead in Paint, Dust, and Soil [www.epa.gov/lead/index.html]
- ❖ EPA's Mold Resources [www.epa.gov/mold/moldresources.html]
- ❖ HUD's Healthy Homes home page [www.hud.gov/offices/lead/healthyhomes/]
- ❖ USDA Healthy Homes Partnership [www.healthyhomespartnership.net/]
- ❖ USDA's Integrated Pest Management Resources [www.ipmcenters.org/index.cfm]

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THE TOLL-FREE FEDERAL INFORMATION RELAY SERVICE AT 1-800-877-8339.

