



U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Washington, D.C. 20410

Office of Lead Hazard Control

POLICY GUIDANCE NUMBER: 99-01		DATE: April 29, 1999
SUBJECT:	Combining Lead Hazard Control Efforts with Rehabilitation	
STATUS:	Current	
APPLICABILITY:	All grant rounds	
RELATED GUIDANCE:		
COMMENTS:		

Dear Lead Hazard Control Grantee:

The Office of Lead Hazard Control has noted that an increasing number of grantees have been successfully integrating lead hazard control with rehabilitation work. We applaud this effort and believe that combining lead hazard control efforts with rehabilitation makes sound fiscal and programmatic sense.

We are aware, however, that non-lead related rehabilitation work initiated following the completion of lead hazard control can often take weeks or months to complete for reasons beyond the control of lead grantees. Under these circumstances, we do not want grantee production and/or performance to be adversely affected by a decision to take a collaborative and comprehensive approach towards improving housing conditions for low-income families. Therefore, grantees may now count as "completed", those units which achieve clearance prior to rehabilitation. However, units in which rehabilitation work occurs following lead hazard control intervention must achieve a final clearance after rehab work is completed prior to reoccupancy. The costs associated with this final clearance are considered an eligible expense under our grant program.

We encourage you to continue to take a comprehensive approach in treating units in a timely manner that allows low-income families to be housed in lead-safe and improved units with minimum disruption. If you have any questions or comments, please contact your GTR.

Sincerely,

Ellis G. Goldman, Director
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