

**Fact Sheet on
Revised Dust-Lead Action Levels for Risk Assessment and Clearance;
Clearance of Porch Floors (Policy Guidance 2017-01 Rev 1)**

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- **Goal:** Establish more protective requirements for dust-lead action levels for risk assessments and clearance, for Lead Hazard Control (LHC) grants (Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control grants and Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grants).

- **Effective date:** April 1, 2017

- **Dust-lead action levels:**

Surface	EPA Dust-Lead Hazard Standards (µg/sf)	OLHCHH Dust-Lead Action Levels for LHC grants (µg/sf)
Floors	≥ 40	≥ 10
Window Sills	≥ 250	≥ 100

- **Dust-lead clearance levels:**

Surface	EPA Dust-Lead Clearance Standards (µg/sf)	OLHCHH Dust-Lead Clearance Levels for LHC grants (µg/sf)
Floors	< 40	< 10
Window Sills	< 250	< 100
Window Troughs	< 400	< 100
Porch Floors	N/A	< 40

- **Approaches to being able to report results at the new Action Levels:**

- Use a 1 sf floor sample area using one dust wipe: Laboratory already meets EPA National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP) quality control requirements (e.g., Minimum Reporting Level ≤ 5 µg/sf and Minimum Detection Level ≤ half the MRL), or will by the effective date; or
- Use a 2 sf floor sample area using one dust wipe, with lab currently meeting NLLAP requirements.

- **Success already looks likely:**

- Based on an OLHCHH survey of LHC grantees, most LHC grantees have shown they already meet the dust-lead clearance action levels.
- The survey also found that many of their labs meet NLLAP requirements for using 2 sf floor samples; OLHCHH is confident many will be able to meet NLLAP requirements for using 1 sf floor samples, and that even more will be able to, over time.