

APPENDIX F: STRATEGIES TO REDUCE LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS

The Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, also known as Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, amended the Lead-Based Poisoning Prevention Act of 1971 (Lead Act), which established the current federal lead-based paint requirements. The lead-based regulations implement sections 1012 and 1013 of the Lead Act. Reduction of lead hazards has been an ongoing objective of the County's Housing and Community Development program. During the 3-year period of this Plan the County intends to increase efforts to reduce lead hazards by promoting a comprehensive program involving education, testing and lead hazard reduction. Actions by the County to further this objective will include:

EDUCATION

- HUD/NARI "Lead Safe Work Practices" training for contractors is offered on an ongoing basis.
- Lead Abatement Supervisor training is offered on an ongoing basis.
- Portland Lead Hazard Control Program will provide blood lead testing for children in Clackamas County at community health fairs, children health fairs and public health clinics.
- Portland Lead Hazard Control Program will provide pamphlets and general lead awareness campaigns in Clackamas County for contractors and the general public.
- Lead paint inspector training, risk assessor training, HUD/NARI "Lead Safe Work Practices" training and lead supervisor and worker training has been completed by Clackamas County housing rehabilitation staff.
- The Clackamas County housing rehabilitation program has previously hosted two "Introduction to Lead in Residential Construction" orientations for the public with speakers from HUD, EPA, OSHA, OHD, WRLTC, ORA and the City of Portland Lead Hazard Control Program.

LOCAL EFFORTS

The Clackamas County Housing Rehabilitation Program will provide for the following:

- Lead hazard notification, lead hazard evaluation and lead hazard reduction during rehabilitation of homes built prior to January 1, 1978 that are presumed to contain lead or are tested and found to contain lead.
- Educational information on lead-based paint hazards and how to monitor existing lead-based paint for proper maintenance.
- Offer a grant through the Lead Hazard Control Program to applicants with homes built prior to 1978, with lead-based paint and having a child under age six living in the home. Grants will be offered for lead hazard reduction using interim controls not abatement.
- Prevent the use of lead-based paint by contractual requirements in all assisted projects.

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- Remove lead pipes in service connections of existing residential properties in older residential neighborhoods.
- Maintain a list of contractors trained in lead-safe work practices and abatement contractors.
- Build capacity of contractors trained in Lead-Safe Work Practices.
- Sponsor contractors for several different levels of lead training. Clackamas County has previously sponsored eight contractors for free lead supervisor training. Those who have obtained proper licenses and insurance will be able to bid on any project involving lead including abatement and can supervise untrained workers such as subcontractors.

GENERAL POLICIES

- Portland Lead Hazard Control Program has three million dollars to be spent in the metro area to assist with lead hazard reduction in homes with children age six and under.
- Regional Lead-Based Paint Taskforce has obtained HUD funds to hire a regional lead coordinator. The coordinator will research and build contractor capacity; locate, explore and obtain lead liability insurance for the contractor base in the metro area, write regional lead specifications and write regional standards for risk assessors' reports and procedures.
- Maintain awareness of the proposed State of Oregon lead-based paint legislative changes being discussed by the Regional Construction Industry Lead-Based Paint Taskforce and the Oregon Health Division's Lead-Based Paint Task Force.