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To: All Lead Abatement Contractors, Lead Abatement Workers, Lead Inspectors, Lead Risk Assessors, Lead Project Designers, Lead Clearance Technicians, and Lead Abatement Training Course Providers

From: Shamus Estep, Supervisor

Subject: Updated lead hazard and clearance levels

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As a part of the most recent revisions to Chapter 3701-32 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), the lead hazard levels, and clearance levels have been revised. These revisions are aligned with updated federal lead hazard and clearance levels. The effective date of the Ohio rule revisions and the updated lead levels is **December 1, 2021**. For your convenience we have provided the updated levels below:

Lead Friction Surface Hazard Levels	10 µg/ft ²	Floors	(wipe sample)	EPA HUD ODH
	100 µg/ft ²	Sills		
	10 µg/ft ²	Nearest horizontal surface beneath a friction surface		
	40 µg/ft ²	Exterior living area		
Lead Dust Hazard Levels	10 µg/ft ²	Floors	(wipe sample)	EPA HUD ODH
	100 µg/ft ²	Window sills and troughs		
	10 µg/ft ²	Horizontal surfaces not a window sill or trough		
	40 µg/ft ²	Exterior living area		
Dust Clearance Levels	< 10 µg/ft ²	Floors	(wipe sample)	HUD ODH
	< 100 µg/ft ²	Window sills		
	< 100 µg/ft ²	Window troughs		
	<40 µg/ft ²	Exterior living area		
Drinking Water Hazard Level	15 ppb			ODH

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) strongly recommends you review all the revised rules. Full copies of the revised rules are available on the ODH website under the [Final File Rules](#) section of the Proposed Rules tab. This letter is available with active links on the ODH website www.odh.ohio.gov under memorandums on the Lead Licensure and Accreditation Program's webpage. If you have any additional questions, please contact the lead licensure program at (614) 466-1450 or by email at lead@odh.ohio.gov.