



Addendum #1 Request for Proposals Environmental Lead Laboratory Services

On January 1, 2017, Rhode Island Housing issued a Request for Quotes for Environmental Lead Laboratory Services. A copy was mailed by USPS. The work is funded through a HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant.

On February 1, 2017, the Rhode Island Housing LeadSafe Homes program was informed by the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes that effective April 1, 2017 all HUD lead grant programs will need to comply with new lead in dust clearance levels. The Policy Guidance is attached.

In response to our RFQ, please factor this new standard into your pricing.

The new Lead Clearance Action Levels are:

Interior Floors: < 10 µg/ft²
Porch Floors: < 40 µg/ft²
Window Sills: < 100 µg/ft²
Window Troughs: < 100 µg/ft²

In particular, on pages 4-5 of the Guidance please note:

Ensuring that Laboratories Can Achieve the New Action Level Requirements

EPA-recognized lead laboratories are required to determine a Method Detection Limit (MDL) for their lead analyses. For this HUD Policy Guidance, the MDL must be no larger than half the Method Reporting Limit (MRL) for the analysis. Therefore, in order to report results as being below a MRL of 10 µg/ft² for floors, a laboratory must be able to demonstrate an MDL of 5 µg/ft² or less for floors. (Note: Terminology varies and Method Reporting Limit and Method Detection Limit may also be referred to as Quantitation Limit, Detection Limit, etc.) To avoid ambiguity, we prefer that laboratories report very low results as, e.g. “<10 µg/ft²” (using the numerical value of the MRL for that sample’s analysis) and not as “None Detected,” “ND,” “None Found,” or similar wording. An alternative approach for a laboratory to reach the 10 µg/ft² MRL is for your risk assessors to conduct floor dust sampling of 2 ft² with a single wipe, rather than the standard minimum of 1 ft². If you use this alternative approach, your risk assessors and laboratory will need to coordinate carefully so that the sample area is used correctly; you should facilitate that discussion. If you use templates for floor sampling, you will have to obtain new 2 ft² templates to adopt this larger-sampling area approach, or your risk assessors may move a 1 ft² template, being careful not to touch dust on either area to be sampled. You should also ensure that your dust wipes are sufficiently durable to sample 2 ft².

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