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## LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION December 7, 2023 • 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. • Hybrid Meeting Final Meeting Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks
- Approval of Minutes – November 2023
- Old & New Business
  - Update on the Green and Healthy Homes Task Force and how it relates to Lead (MD-DHCD, Deputy Director, Robyne Chaconas)
  - EPA's National Update on GLO (Get the Lead Out) (Assistant Administrator, Radhika Fox, EPA Office of Water)
  - MDE Secretary Meeting Update (Ruth Ann Norton)
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  - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impact on Lead Poisoning Prevention - EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Opportunities (Ruth Ann Norton)
  - Baltimore City DHCD Updates on Lead Hazard Remediation Funding (Nicole Hart)
  - 2024 Plan for Case Management & Environmental Investigation for moving to 3.5 ug/dl (Jonathan Klanderud)
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  - **MDAAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter) Paul Rogers
  - **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care) Manjula Paul
  - **MIA** (Maryland Insurance Administration) Benita Cooper
  - **MD-DHCD** (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development) Jack Daniels
  - **BC-DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development) Nicole Hart, Katherine Taylor
  - **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): Camille Burke
  - **GHHI** (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative) Ruth Ann Norton
- Commissioner Comments and Updates
- Public Comments and Updates
- Next Meeting Reminder: Thursday, 01/04/24, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. which includes the Agenda items below:
  - 2024 Commission Meeting Calendar Discussion/Motion to vote (Commissioners)
  - 2024 Commission Reporting Calendar (Commissioners)
  - MDE Annual Report Review for the governor (Paula Montgomery/Wendy Phillips)
  - Legislation (Subcommittee)
  - Update on the CDC Grant (BCHD-Baltimore City Health Department: (TBD Camille Burke to provide new Director's name)

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## LEAD POISONING PREVENTION COMMISSION

November 7, 2023 • 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. • Hybrid Meeting  
Draft Meeting Minutes

### Members Present:

Jacob Benzaquen	Susan Kleinhammer	Ruth Ann Norton
Benita Cooper	Cliff Mitchell	Manjula Paul
Jack Daniels	Paula Montgomery	Christina Peusch
Anna Davis	Barbara Moore	Paul Rogers
		Adam Skolnik

### Members Absent:

Delegate Dalya Attar                      Senator Jill Carter

### Guests Present:

Frederick Banks-MDE	Sheneka Frasier-Kyer-MD-DHCD	Wade McCord-MDE
Chevelle Bash-GHHI	Angela Hall-GHHI	Wendy Phillips-MDE
Rena Boss-Victoria-MDE	Jason Harding-BC-DHCD	Nekia Randall-Public
Camille Burke-BCHD	Nicole Hart-BC-DHCD	Jonathan Riddix-BC-DHCD
Stephanie Cobb-Williams-MDE	Steven Homola-BC-DHCD	Tim Rule-MDE
Chris Corzine-OAG	Darlene Israel-MDH	Candace Scott-MDH
William Doyle-HCHD	Samantha Keane-MDE	George (Wes) Stewart-GHHI
Shamola Dye-MDE	Comfort Kissi-GHHI	Katherine Taylor-BC-DHCD
Marjorie D'Ambrosio-MDE	Jacqueline Kozari-MDH	Chris White-AR

### Documents Distributed:

- Final Agenda 231102
- Draft Minutes 231005
- 2023 Lead Commission Prez

### Welcome and Introductions:

Commission Chair, Ruth Ann Norton, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. with welcome and introductions.

### **Opening Remarks, Acknowledgements, and Other Discussions:**

Chair Norton welcomed everyone to the November 7 meeting of the Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission.

Chair Norton highlighted the following items:

- Progress is being made on replacing the current Commissioner representatives of the House and Senate.
- New standards are forthcoming to de-lead the gasoline used in jet aircraft used for commercial transport. The article “Regulations for Lead Emissions from Aircraft” is available in the following link:  
<https://www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/regulations-lead-emissions-aircraft>.
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently put out a health alert and recall on WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree Pouches. The article “FDA Advises Parents and Caregivers Not to Buy or Feed WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree Pouches to Toddlers and Young Children Because of Elevated Lead Levels” is available in the following link:  
<https://www.fda.gov/food/alerts-advisories-safety-information/fda-advises-parents-and-caregivers-not-buy-or-feed-wanabana-apple-cinnamon-fruit-puree-pouches>.
- The Journal of American Medicine for JAMA published the article “Lead Exposure Might Cause More Deaths, IQ Loss Than Expected” is available in the following link:  
<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2809890#:~:text=Exposure%20to%20lead%20through,ountries%20blood%20lead%20level%20estimates>

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Anna Davis, seconded by Adam Skolnik to accept the October 5, 2023 minutes as distributed. All present Commissioners were in favor; the minutes were approved.

### **Old & New Business:**

- **BCHD – CLPPP Fiscal Year Report:** Commissioner, Camile Burke presented on the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Commissioner Burke highlighted the following: Social Determinants of Health; Elements of a Healthy Community; Lead Poisoning Data by Fiscal Year; Average Time to Complete Initial Home Visit (Days); 2020-2022 Possible Sources of Lead Poisoning for Pre 1950 Rentals; COVID-19 Impact on Blood Lead Testing; Post COVID impact; Case Management Challenges; Outreach; Partners; Point of Care Testing; 2023 National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week; 2023 Healthy HOMes Workshop Survey Highlights; and Moving Forward. The presentation was provided to the Commission titled “2023 Lead Commission Prez” prior to the meeting.
- **MDE Childhood Lead Registry Report 2021:**
  - Fred Banks presented on the Childhood Blood Lead Surveillance in Maryland Annual Report 2021. Highlights include the following: CY 21 Surveillance; Statistical Report; Reduction in Blood Lead Testing 2020 vs. 2021; Data Quality; Medical and Environmental Case Management in Maryland and Baltimore City; Sources of Lead; Lead Hazards Identified by Housing Type; Challenges and Opportunities; and Goals for Future Data Reporting.
  - Also, During the presentation Chris Corzine, from MDE’s Attorney General’s Office, indicated that the department does file the regulations with regard to scheduling environment investigations which includes the closure of a case. There are protocols set forth in regulation that the department follows. In those cases that are closed, the department is following the procedure it is required to do so before the case is closed. The Environmental Investigation Regulations are set forth in COMAR 26.16.08, with the scheduling governed by 26.16.08.05. The presentation will be provided on the MDE website in the near future which will be available to the public.

## Agency Hot Topics/Current Events

- **MDH** (Maryland Department of Health) Commissioner, Dr. Cliff Mitchell updated the Commission with the following:
  - MDH is continuing to work on its equity assessment of the lead program across its various product lines and service lines including its home visiting program, and its collaboration with medicaid and DHCD. In this effort, MDH will collaborate with MDE.
  - MDH will be working with MDE on Outreach in addition to the Baltimore City Health Department.
  - MDH's preventive medicine resident is actively working on enhancing direct engagement with healthcare providers by detailing information on lead, asthma, and healthy homes to increase provider awareness.
  - MDH is allocating additional funding for a second year, utilizing the remaining balance from the \$500,000 received last year from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). This funding will be directed to 13 local health departments currently not involved in MDH's Medicaid home visiting program, specifically to support case management activities. Each of these local health departments will receive approximately \$15,000 to bolster their case management efforts.
  - MDH is excited about collaborating with MDE for the implementation of HHLPS (Healthy Homes Lead Poisoning Surveillance System). The plan is to partner with MDE to encourage MDH's local health departments to enhance the connection between case management and prevention activities. Additionally, the collaboration aims to improve MDH's statewide visibility regarding case management activities.
- **MDAAP** (American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter) Commissioner, Dr. Paul Rogers updated the Commission, mentioning his recent email exchanges with the head of California's lead poisoning prevention program. The discussions primarily focused on lead testing of water in schools. Further details about California's labeling process are expected to be provided soon.
- **MSDE/OCC** (Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care) Commissioner Manjula Paul informed the Commission that she was thrilled to receive a message yesterday from Johns Hopkins, MSDE's collaborator in conducting parent surveys. Recently, Johns Hopkins conducted a survey involving parents of children in childcare programs. Although they anticipated 300 participants, the actual turnout was approximately 600 parents. One of the survey questions focused on late testing and the obstacles parents face in getting their children tested. Johns Hopkins has informed MSDE that the results are now available. Commissioner Paul will share the findings with the Commission once it is published.
- **BC-DHCD** (Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development) Katherine Taylor updated the Commission on BC-DHCD's efforts to prioritize vulnerable populations, specifically immigrants and refugees. The department is collaborating with the mayor's office to translate all materials and applications, ensuring better outreach to these groups. Additionally, BC-DHCD is working with various stakeholders known for their immigrant-friendly initiatives to establish trust within these populations, and the progress in this regard has been positive.
- **BCHD** (Baltimore City Health Department): Cambille Burke informed the Commission that BCHD is entering into a renewed partnership with the Maryland Homeschool Association (MHA), and they are currently exploring the details of this collaboration. MHA has initiated discussions with BCHD, expressing interest in engaging in conversations about lead. BCHD will keep the Commission informed about the outcomes of these discussions.
- **GHHI** (Green & Healthy Homes Initiative)
  - Wes Stewart reported that GHHI has a dedicated team for outreach and case management to assist individuals in accessing the state's and city's lead grant programs. This support extends to homeowners, rental property owners, and tenants. GHHI can guide them through the process of accessing lead grant programs and connect them with necessary resources. In Baltimore City, GHHI is open to receiving referrals. With \$2.5 million in ARP funding specifically allocated for lead houses in Baltimore City, GHHI is addressing not only lead hazards but also other healthy homes concerns, weatherization, and electrical issues. The focus is not just on making homes lead-safe but also on enhancing the family's long-term financial stability by addressing various hazards, structural defects, and supporting weatherization efforts. GHHI has \$2.5 million in funding earmarked for direct use in addressing lead-related issues.

- Chair Norton mentioned that GHHI is collaborating with Hopkins on an injury prevention study. GHHI is actively seeking 300 families in Baltimore City and Baltimore County with children aged 7 and under to provide injury prevention measures. These measures may include replacing mini-blind cords, installing window guards, or adding grab bars, among other actions. It's important to recognize that injuries affect not only older adults but also children. In the context of any of GHHI's grants, whether focusing on asthma, injury prevention, or weatherization, GHHI constantly checks for lead in houses and addresses it as part of the remediation process. For an upcoming site visit with Fannie Mae, GHHI has identified a family through MDH dealing with asthma. GHHI initially worked on asthma-related issues and expanded their efforts to include broader prevention measures for the family.

#### **Commissioner Comments and Updates:**

Commissioner, Barbara Moore from Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital (MWPH) updated the Commission that MWPH has had an increase in the number of children that have been referred to the clinic. Currently MWPH is up to 46 or 47 new referrals just since January. Baltimore City and the state have been quick and responsive when MWPH asks for reports to be sent to them. MWPH recently had a very complicated case with elevated lead levels and currently has another very complicated case with a child with very high lead levels.

#### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Barbara Moore seconded by Cliff Mitchell to adjourn the meeting. All present Commissioners were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

#### **Future Meeting Date:**

Next Meeting Reminder: Thursday, 12/07/23, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. which includes the Agenda items below:

- 2024 Commission Reporting Calendar (All Commissioners)
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## Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Membership

Category	Current Member and Represented Organization	Term End Date <sup>1</sup>
Member of the House	Delegate Dalya Attar	Serves at the pleasure of the House Speaker
Member of the Senate	Senator Jill P. Carter	Serves at the pleasure of the Senate President
1.Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Secretary or designee	Paula Montgomery	09/30/24
2.Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Secretary or designee	Cliff Mitchell	09/30/25
3.Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) Secretary or designee	Jack Daniels	09/30/23
4.Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) Commissioner or designee	Benita Cooper	09/30/23
5.Director of Early Childhood Development Division, State Department of Education (MSDE), or the Director's designee	Manjula Paul	09/30/26
6.Representative of local government	Vacant	Vacant
7.Representative from a nonprofit organization	Ruth Ann Norton, Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, Lead Commission Chair	09/30/24
8.American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter	Paul Rogers	09/30/24
9.Representative of owners of rental property located in Baltimore City built before 1950	Jacob Benzaquen, JBZ Management	09/30/23
10.Representative of owners of rental property located outside Baltimore City built before 1950	Adam Skolnik, Maryland Multi Housing Association	09/30/26
11.Representative of owners of rental property built after 1949	Vacant	Vacant
12.Representative of a child health or youth advocacy group	Vacant	Vacant
13.Health care provider	Barbara Moore, Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital	09/30/23
14.Child advocate	Anna L. Davis, Of Counsel Gordon, Wolf & Carney, Chtd.	09/30/23
15.Parent of a lead poisoned child	Vacant	Vacant
16.Lead hazard identification professional	Susan Kleinhammer, LeadTec Services, Inc.	09/30/26
17.Representative of child care providers	Christina Peusch, Maryland State Child Care Association	09/30/25

<sup>1</sup> Members whose term end dates have passed are continuing to serve as no successor was appointed.

## Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission Membership Continued

### **Composition**

The Commission categories are established by statute. Md. Code Ann., Envir. § 6-807. All positions, with the exception of the member of the House and the member of the Senate are appointed by the Governor. The terms of the Governor's appointees are four years but a member at the end of his/her term continues to serve until a successor is appointed. The Governor appoints the Chair from among the members. There is no statutory term for the chairmanship.

### **Recent Changes to Lead Commission Membership**

In May of 2020, Senate Bill 18 (SB18) was passed in Maryland. SB 18 alters the membership of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission to include one representative each from a nonprofit focused on lead poisoning prevention issues and the American Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter; removed the Commission members representing a premises liability coverage insurer and a financial institution that makes loans secured by rental Property; repealed certain requirements for a window replacement program; altering the subjects that the Commission may appoint a subcommittee to study to include case management, lead paint abatement service provider education and training, and blood lead testing; etc. These changes become effective October, 1, 2020.



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**MDE Lead Commission Reporting Calendar 2024**

Months	Topics of Discussion
January	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2024 Commission Meeting Calendar Discussion/Motion to vote (Commissioners)</li><li>2024 Commission Reporting Calendar (Commissioners)</li><li>MDE Annual Report Review for the governor (Paula Montgomery/Wendy Phillips)</li><li>Legislation (Subcommittee)</li><li>Update on the CDC Grant (BCHD-Baltimore City Health Department: (TBD Camille Burke to provide new Director's name)</li></ol>
February	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Legislation (Subcommittee)</li></ol>
March	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Legislation (Subcommittee)</li><li>MDE - Compliance and Enforcement (Jonathan Klanderud)</li></ol>
April	
May	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commissioner membership updates and renewals due in September (Wendy Phillips)</li></ol>
June	<b>No Meetings For June, July, and August</b>
July	<b>No Meetings For June, July, and August</b>
August	<b>No Meetings For June, July, and August</b>
September	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions (Wendy Phillips)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nominations due 09/13/24 &amp; Votes due 09/20/24</li></ol></li><li>Lead Poison Prevention Week 10/20/24 - 10/26/24 (Commission)</li><li>MDE - Compliance and Enforcement (Jonathan Klanderud)</li></ol>
October	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions Announcement and Awards Presentation (Ruth Ann Norton/Wendy Phillips)</li><li>Lead Poison Prevention Week 10/20/24 - 10/26/24 (Commission)</li></ol>
November	
December	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2025 Commission Meeting Calendar (Commissioners)</li><li>2025 Commission Reporting Calendar (Commissioners)</li></ol>

## MDE Lead Commission Reporting Calendar 2024 To Be Determined

Month	MDE Lead Commission Meeting Discussions To Be Determined Calendar 2024
	MDE Update on Water Safety: Lead in Water in Schools (MDE/WSA Saranhip Koh, Tim Rule, Georgella Samu, Greg Busch replaced Saied Kasraei, Christina Ardito)
	MDE Update on Water Safety: Lead in Water Service Line (MDE/WSA Saranhip Koh, Tim Rule, Georgella Samu, Greg Busch replaced Saied Kasraei, Christina Ardito)
	MD-DHCD – Lead Grant Programs (Theo Williams to replace Jack Daniels)

Month	2023 Rollover MDE Lead Commission Meeting Discussions To Be Determined Calendar 2024
	<b>Unit Production Quarterly Updates:</b> Ruth Ann Norton asked that Departments that have issues of unit production and dollars provide quarterly updates to include: funds available, who the funds are available to, and the units done to date. For example, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD): mapping that would be able to be crosswalked against where we have children under six, where we have lead levels being reported, and where we have dollars going against that and age of housing. This will also be a mapping of who has lead resources across the state, whether it's Baltimore County, Baltimore City, or others. GHHI volunteered to compile a resource mapping of what programs also support both lead, hazard control, source control, and water. Additionally, a tracking of equity and where dollars are going, who they're going to and how the agency is moving in that direction.
	<b>Lead and Water Quarterly Update:</b> Ruth Ann Norton suggested that a quarterly update for lead and water be added to the calendar in order to regularly get the current status and updates on new opportunities to support lead, hazard control, and lead source exposure through other programs.
	<b>Statewide Community Efforts:</b> Ruth Ann Norton suggested that there be a quarterly update to highlight good community efforts across the state that are happening or highlighting of a nurse or case manager or community organization.
	<b>Dashboard of Unit Production on Lead Hazard Control:</b> Ruth Ann Norton suggested that a comprehensive report from the Commission, such as a living document, be created that will report on the activities around lead poisoning prevention and lead hazard control that is transparent to the public such as the number of federal, state, or local public dollars, being used for lead hazard control efforts. The report could also highlight the efforts of other agencies such as MDH, DHCD, and MDE in this report. This report would be a benefit to child advocates, educators, rental property owners, etc. Jacob Benzaquen, Cliff Mitchell, and Paula Montgomery volunteered to contribute to this process. Ruth Ann Norton will reach out to those that volunteered to discuss the matter further.
	<b>Commission Meeting with MHIC:</b> to discuss efforts to get pre-1978 property contractors lead trained.
	<b>Introduction and Commitment of Governor Wes Moore</b>
	<b>Review Transition Reports relating to MDE Lead Program</b> (Ruth Ann Norton)
	<b>Update on the Re-engagement and Igniting of Community Outreach and Social Media Efforts</b> (Ruth Ann Norton)
	<b>Daycare Discussion Progress</b> (Ruth Ann Norton)
	<b>Introduction to Secretary Jacob Day of the Department of Housing &amp; Community Development</b>
	<b>Introduction to Secretary Marcia Fudge, of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>
	<b>BC-DHCD - Hud Grant Program</b> (Katheryn Taylor)
	<b>MDE - update the Commission on its Lead In Water funding for the different jurisdictions</b> (Wes Stewart asked that this be added to the agenda in the future)

**Ongoing Topics:**

1. Legislation (Subcommittee) (Annually - Jan - Apr)
2. Commission Reporting Calendar for upcoming year (Commissioners/Wendy Phillips) (Annually - Jan & Dec)
3. Commission Meeting Calendar for upcoming year (Commissioners/Wendy Phillips) (Annually - Jan & Dec)
4. Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions (Wendy Phillips)
  - a. Nominations due 09/13/24 & Votes due 09/20/24 (Annually - Sep)
5. Lead Commission Awards and Recognitions Announcement and Awards Presentation (Ruth Ann Norton/Wendy Phillips) (Annually - Oct)
6. Commissioner membership updates and renewals due in September (Wendy Phillips) (Annually - May)
7. MDE Annual Report Review for the governor (Paula Montgomery/Wendy Phillips) (Annually - Jan)
8. Lead Poison Prevention Week 10/20/24 - 10/26/24 (Commission) (Annually - Sep, Oct)
9. MDE - Compliance and Enforcement (Jonathan Klanderud) (Annually - Mar & Sept)

**Represented Agencies/Organizations:**

- MDE
  - Paula Montgomery
  - LMA - Tyler Abbott
  - LPPP - Fred Banks, Jonathan Klanderud, Rena Boss Victoria
  - WSA - Christina Ardito, Georgella Samu, Tim Rule, Gregory Busch, Saranthip Koh,
- MDH -
  - Cliff Mitchell
  - Candace Scott
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- MWPH - Barbara Moore
- MSCCA - Christina Peusch
- MMHA - Adam Skolnik
- JBZ - Jacob Benzaquen
- Counsel Gordon, Wold & Carney, Chtd - Anna Davis
- LSI - Susan Kleinhammer
- GHHI
  - Ruth Ann Norton
  - Wes Stewart

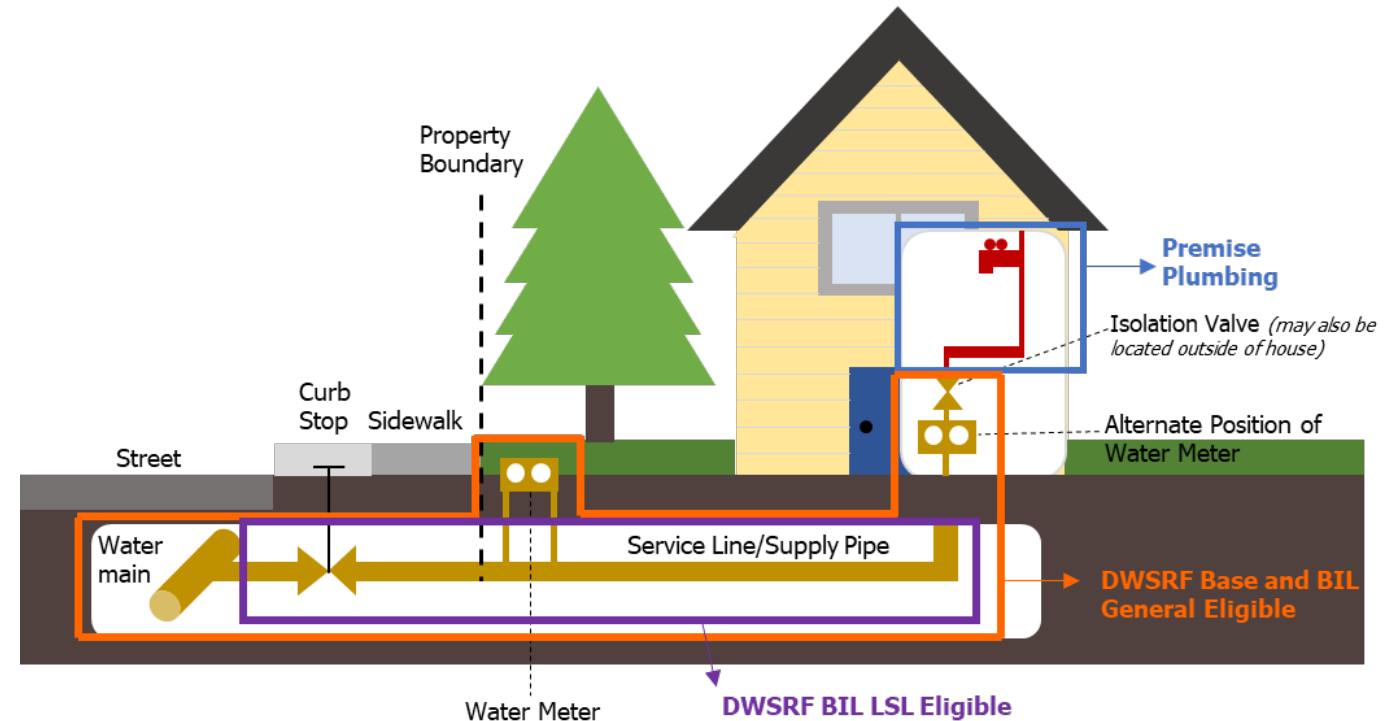


# Get the Lead Out (GLO) Community Assistance Center Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements

EPA Update for MD Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission  
December 7, 2023

# EPA Lead Service Line Technical Assistance Overview

- EPA TA initiatives are working to accelerate LSLR in underserved communities by providing TA and collaborating with states.
- LSLR Accelerators: working with states to provide direct support to 10 water systems in 4 states.
- GLO Center: build upon Accelerators and expand LSLR TA in up to 200 communities nation wide.



# GLO Program Goal: Deliver Direct TA to Communities

## Develop Inventories

Inventory Plan

LSL Inventory

LSL Maps

## Community Engagement

Community Engagement Plan

Outreach Materials

## Replacement Support

Replacement Plan

Funding Application Support

Construction Management Support

# GLO Program Goal: Build State Capacity

## Increase TA Capacity

Community Engagement

Regulatory Requirements

Technical Training

## Facilitate Best Practices

Community Engagement Plans

Outreach Materials

Model Contract

Improve Funding Application Process

## Share Knowledge

Communities of Practice

Community Case Studies

# GLO Program Goal: Share Lessons Nationally

## Facilitate Knowledge Sharing

Utility-to-Utility Connection

Communities of Practice

Conference Presentations

## Share Resources

Multimedia Outreach Toolkit

Training Resources for Water Systems

Community Engagement Best Practices

## Celebrate Successes

Case Studies – state and community

Enhanced LSLR EPA Website & Story Map



# GLO Center Direct TA Process



# GLO Community Identification & Selection

- Pathways for community identification:
  - EPA identifies communities through data and knowledge of lead problems, other TA providers, and coordination with states
  - Communities self-identify through the WaterTA request form
- EPA is responsible for community selection.
- Top priorities for community selection:
  - Community need
  - Presence of lead service lines
  - Openness to receive TA

# Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Proposal

- Advancement in protecting children and adults from the significant, and irreversible, health effects from being exposed to lead in drinking water.
- Based on the science and existing practices utilized by drinking water systems.
- Builds on previous version of the Lead and Copper Rule.

# Lead and Copper Rule Improvements: Key Provisions

- Achieving 100% Lead Pipe Replacement within 10 years
- Locating Legacy Lead Pipes
  - Water systems are currently required to provide an initial inventory of their lead service lines by October 16, 2024. Under the proposed LCRI, all water systems would be required to regularly update their inventories, create a publicly available service line replacement plan, and identify the materials of all service lines of unknown material.
- Improving Tap Sampling
  - Water systems would be required to collect first liter and fifth liter samples at sites with lead service lines and use the higher of the two values when determining compliance with the rule.
- Lowering the Lead Action Level from 15 ppb to 10 ppb
- Strengthening Protections to Reduce Exposure
  - Water systems with multiple lead action level exceedances would be required to conduct additional outreach to consumers and make filters available to all consumers (multiple ALEs).

# LCRI Next Steps

- EPA invites members of the public to review the proposed LCRI and supporting information and provide written comments at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), Docket ID Number: EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0801. Comments must be submitted to the public docket during the 60-day public comment period.
- EPA held an informational webinar for the public on December 6, 2023 about the proposed LCRI.
- EPA will also hold a virtual public hearing on January 16, 2024.
- Goal is to finalize LCRI by October 2024.

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/proposed-lead-and-copper-rule-improvements>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/12/06/2023-26148/national-primary-drinking-water-regulations-for-lead-and-copper-improvements-lcri>



Questions/Comments?





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# Lead Hazard Reduction Grants

Nicole Hart, Deputy Commissioner  
Katherine Taylor, LHRP Program Director

# PURPOSE

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- Reduce lead-based paint hazards in Baltimore's occupied housing stock
- Identify lead in owner occupied and rental occupied units
- Reduce exposure to lead-based paint hazards to children under 6 years old.
- Educate communities on lead hazards, sources of lead-based paint poisoning, and ways to reduce and eliminate such hazards





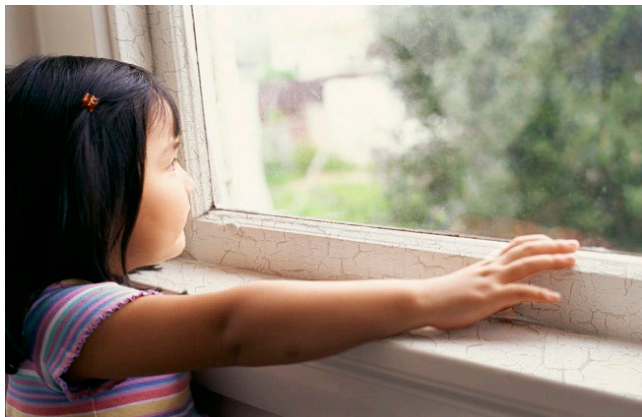


# Lead Hazard Reduction Program

A grant-funded program that works with applicants to apply interventions to make the home safe for the family and children that live there. LHRP helps to determine the presence and location of existing lead hazards and select cost-effective and sustainable interventions to reduce or eliminate lead hazards.

## SERVICES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Free lead-based paint inspection and risk assessment
- If identified as lead and/or healthy home hazards
  - New windows
  - Doors
  - Siding/Trim
  - Exterior & interior painting
  - Porch repair
  - Home safety measures
- Temporary relocation during lead risk reduction





# Funding

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## 1. **Housing and Urban Development:**

- Lead Abatement Grant (September 2019)- \$4,100,000
  - *Lead Interventions \$1,828,125.00- Balance: \$1,515,281.73*
  - *Healthy Homes Supplement \$600,000- Balance: \$509,161.00*
- High Impact Neighborhoods (January 2020)- \$9,700,000
  - *Lead Interventions \$4,250,000- Balance: \$4,078,873*
  - *Healthy Homes Supplement \$600,000- Balance: \$540,712.90*

## 2. **Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development:**

- Matching funds for Lead Interventions- \$1,750,000 –  
Balance: \$1,369,713.18

## 3. **Baltimore City Housing and Community Development**

- Matching funds for Lead Interventions- \$2,500,000 –  
Balance: \$2,094,771.14



# Unit Production Progress

GRANT NAME	COMPLETED & CLEARED UNITS	NEXT QUARTER ESTIMATED UNIT PRODUCTION
Lead Abatement Grant	36	24
HIN Lead Hazard Reduction Grant	19	20
	55	32



# Challenges and Solutions

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- Recovering from COVID-19 Pandemic
  - Halt in unit production from start of grant to March 2022 due to stay-at-home order
  - Clients hesitant to have staff and contractors in home
  - Staff Turnover
- Procurement Delays
  - Delayed Contractors RFQ
- Intake and Enrollment
  - Clients received during the pandemic were put on hold due to delay of unit production
- Increased production costs and hazards
- Extension Granted by HUD on both grants to meet goals
- Unit Production started on March 2022 with the help of an Emergency Contract from Alice Kennedy
- Expediated hiring process to increase staff in program
- Utilizing all forms of E-communications to complete intake process including an online portal for clients to submit documents
- Increased outreach efforts by attending over 30 community events, hosting 12 presentations for local community organizations, and utilizing MIMA
- Utilize ARPA funds address all lead-based paint hazards and healthy homes hazards.



# Thank you for your support!

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