

02080S03 Lead Information

Consultants and Contractors are advised that any construction/renovation activity that would disturb a surface where lead is present must be conducted in accordance with OSHA's lead standard (29 CFR 1926.62). The Contractor is referred to the standard for specific information, notwithstanding any additional information provided in this document. Additional information regarding compliance with the standard may be obtained from the Kentucky Labor Cabinet in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Covered activities include renovation, demolition, maintenance, repair work, and repainting (other than routine, minor surface prep and repainting where no deteriorated paint is present). Certain tasks, particularly manual demolition of structures (i.e., drywall), dry manual scraping or sanding, heat gun applications, and abrasive blasting, are considered by OSHA to be higher-risk and require respiratory protection for workers until air monitoring proves exposures are below the Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL). Please note that, even for tasks other than the so-called "trigger tasks" described above, the Contractor must prove (through monitoring or previous data) that workers and subcontractors are not being exposed above the PEL.

There is no correlation between the concentration of lead on a surface and the amount of airborne lead that may be created by disturbance of the surface. The level of protection and/or precautions used will be dictated by each individual project. However, each worker should be aware of and be protected from potential lead exposures and should understand the need for proper work practices and hygiene when working with surfaces that may contain lead.

EPA regulations (40 CFR Part 745) require that contractors working in University-owned residences or student housing distribute a pamphlet entitled Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home to all occupants of the affected area(s). For renovation in single-family housing or individual units in multi-family housing, the Contractor is required to obtain an acknowledgement from the occupant that the pamphlet has been received. If the renovation is to occur in a common area in multi-family housing (such as a stairwell, laundry room hallway, or playground), the pamphlet must be made available in a central location and the building occupants must be informed about the nature and extent of the renovations. Records documenting the acknowledgements and other notification efforts must be provided to the University prior to the start of the project.

Single copies of the pamphlet are available from the National Lead Information Center by calling (800) 424-LEAD. Bulk copies can be obtained from the Government Printing Office at (202) 512-1800 (GPO stock number 055-000-00507-9). Alternately, the pamphlet can be reproduced, provided that it is reproduced in full.

Waste Handling

Lead waste generated during a project including, but not limited to, paint chips, paint stripper sludge, protective clothing, abrasive grit, and/or burlap/plastic sheeting must be properly handled and disposed. All waste disposal must be coordinated by the University's Hazardous Materials Management (HMM) department. The Contractor should contact HMM at (859) 323-6280 to arrange for waste disposal, manifests, and/or other related issues.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS DOCUMENT, CONTRACTOR SHALL PERFORM WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS AND ACCEPTED SAFETY PRACTICES.