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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Parties

From: Mary T. Giguere, CIH, Manager *Mary Giguere*
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Subject: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lead; Renovation, Repair and Painting Program (RR&P) Final Rule, 40 CFR Part 745

The North Carolina Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) is providing this correspondence to inform you about a new federal regulation referenced above that became law effective June of 2008. This regulation provides additional protections to prevent children's exposure to lead. By April 2010, the EPA will require individuals who conduct renovation, repair and painting activities in pre-1978 target housing and child-occupied facilities to meet specific training requirements, follow special work practices, and maintain records.

Currently, the Federal EPA is administering this regulation. However, the NC HHCU is conducting an education and outreach initiative while looking into the possibility of implementing a "state administered" Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting Program. In case you are not already aware of our Program, the HHCU has been administering the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program addressing lead-based paint abatement activities in North Carolina since 1996.

In an effort to help you better understand the requirements of this new EPA regulation HHCU staff are available to provide an educational presentation to your organization. For information on this new regulation you can also visit our Web site at www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html to review the EPA regulation and additional material.

Should you have additional questions or if you would like to schedule a presentation please call our office at (919) 707-5950.

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