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Standard Practice for Clearance Examinations Following Lead Hazard Reduction Activities in Single Family Dwellings, in Individual Units of Multifamily Dwellings, and in Other Child-Occupied Facilities¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers visual assessment for the presence of deteriorated paint, surface dust, painted debris, and paint chips with environmental sampling of surface dust to determine whether a lead hazard exists at the time of sample collection, following lead-hazard reduction activities, or other building maintenance and modification activities.

1.2 This practice addresses clearance examination of single-family detached dwellings (including exterior structures, such as fences), individual units in multifamily dwellings, common areas or exterior sites, and child-occupied facilities.

1.3 This practice also addresses clearance examinations that may include soil sampling, for example when soil abatement has been performed.

1.4 This practice includes a procedure for determining whether regulatory requirements for lead clearance levels for dust and, where warranted, soil have been met, and consequently, whether a clearance area passes or fails a clearance examination.

NOTE 1—This practice is based on that portion of “clearance” described for the United States in 40 CFR Part 745 for abatement, and in 24 CFR Part 35 for lead-hazard reduction activities other than abatement.

1.5 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.6 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appro-*

priate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.7 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D1356 Terminology Relating to Sampling and Analysis of Atmospheres
- D4840 Guide for Sample Chain-of-Custody Procedures
- D5124 Practice for Testing and Use of a Random Number Generator in Lumber and Wood Products Simulation
- E631 Terminology of Building Constructions
- E1480 Terminology of Facility Management (Building-Related)
- E1583 Practice for Evaluating Laboratories Engaged in Determination of Lead in Paint, Dust, Airborne Particulates, and Soil Taken From and Around Buildings and Related Structures
- E1605 Terminology Relating to Lead in Buildings
- E1727 Practice for Field Collection of Soil Samples for Subsequent Lead Determination
- E1728/E1728M Practice for Collection of Settled Dust Samples Using Wipe Sampling Methods for Subsequent Lead Determination
- E1792 Specification for Wipe Sampling Materials for Lead in Surface Dust
- E2239 Practice for Record Keeping and Record Preservation for Lead Hazard Activities
- E2255/E2255M Practice for Conducting Visual Assessments for Lead Hazards in Buildings

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.



2.2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations*:³

24 CFR Part 35 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Requirements for Notification, Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Federally Owned Residential Property and Housing Receiving Federal Assistance (especially subparts B and R)

40 CFR Part 745 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention in Certain Residential Structures (especially subparts D, L and Q)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms not appearing here, see Terminologies **D1356**, **E631**, **E1480**, and **E1605**.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *clearance, n*—combined visual and quantitative environmental evaluation used to determine if a hazardous level of lead remains after a lead hazard reduction, or other building maintenance or modification activity has been performed.

3.2.1.1 *Discussion*—Usually performed with the idea of determining if the space undergoing the evaluation is safe for reoccupancy.

3.2.2 *clearance area, n*—work area and additional spaces outside the work area where lead contamination may have occurred during lead hazard reduction and other building maintenance or modification activities.

3.2.2.1 *Discussion*—The spaces outside the work area may include rooms connected to the work area, egress routes, waste storage areas, and grounds adjoining exterior work areas.

3.2.3 *clearance examination, n*—the process of conducting a combined visual and quantitative environmental evaluation used to determine if a hazardous level of lead remains after a lead hazard reduction, or other building maintenance or modification activity has been performed.

3.2.4 *clearance level, n*—value, specified by regulation from an authority having jurisdiction or by contractual agreement, that indicates the maximum amount of lead permitted in dust on a surface following completion of a lead hazard reduction, or other building maintenance or modification activity.

3.2.5 *work area, n*—the interior or exterior space where lead hazard control, or other building maintenance or modification activities are performed.

3.2.5.1 *Discussion*—The interior workspace may include (1) a portion of a room, an entire room, or room equivalent, or (2) portions of multiple rooms, multiple rooms or room equivalents, depending upon the extent or location, or both, of the lead hazard control activity. The exterior workspace may include (1) a portion of a building facade, an entire building facade, associated structures, such as fences, and (2) bare soil.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 A clearance examination of abatement areas and other areas associated with other lead-hazard control activities, or

building maintenance or modification activities in single-family detached dwellings, individual units in multifamily dwellings, common areas or exterior sites, and child-occupied facilities is performed to determine that the clearance area is adequately safe for reoccupancy.

4.2 It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to assure that all regulatory, contractual and personnel requirements are met prior to conduct of a clearance examination. At a minimum, users of this standard shall be trained in its use and in safe practices for its conduct.

NOTE 2—Authorities having jurisdiction may have certification or specific training requirements, or both.

4.3 This practice is one of a set of standards developed for lead hazard management activities. The visual assessment procedures required in this practice are found in Practice **E2255/E2255M** and the record keeping requirements are found in Practice **E2239**.

4.4 Although this practice was primarily developed for dwellings and for other child-occupied facilities, this practice may be also applied to nonresidential buildings and related structures by agreement between the client and the individual conducting the clearance examination.

4.5 This practice may be used by owners and property managers, including owner-occupants, and others responsible for maintaining facilities. It may also be used by lead hazard management consultants, construction contractors, labor groups, real estate and financial professionals, insurance organizations, legislators, regulators, and legal professionals.

4.6 This practice does not address whether lead-hazard reduction activities or other building modification or maintenance work were performed properly.

5. General Requirements

5.1 *Applicable Regulations*—The clearance examination shall be conducted in accordance with all regulations promulgated by authorities having jurisdiction. Applicable regulations are those that are currently in force in jurisdictions where the clearance examination is conducted.

5.2 *Personnel Qualifications*—All persons conducting or participating in the clearance examination shall be qualified in accordance with regulations promulgated by authorities having jurisdiction.

NOTE 3—In the United States, 40 CFR Part 745, Subpart L, or 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart R, or both, may apply.

5.3 *Reporting Schedule*—Before arriving at the property, determine with the client the schedule for reporting the results of the clearance examination. Specify, in hours or days, when the clearance summary and clearance report are due to the client. Consider in the reporting schedule the following: when the last sample for the clearance examination is to be collected; when the results of testing are to be available; and whether and how reoccupancy, additional construction, or maintenance work, or other factors affect the schedule.

5.4 *Dust Wipe Sampling Materials*—Use only dust wipes that meet Specification **E1792** to collect samples of surface dust.

³ Available from U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Washington, DC 20401-0001, <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.