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Commissioner (title)  
Address

Date

Dear (Title, such as Commissioner) X

I am part of a group of students at Boston University researching the level of awareness and implementation of the new regulation that requires that anyone compensated for work disturbing paint in pre-1978 child-occupied facilities perform the work in a “lead-safe” manner, (the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting rule (40 CFR Part 745, Subpart E). The law is intended to prevent dusts from lead-based paints from being dispersed in the facility, where it can be ingested by children, resulting in lead poisoning. As the rule is triggered by renovation, repair or painting operations in schools with children below six years of age, we are writing to the chief officials of agencies responsible for education in every state, as well as to health agencies, asking for any specific information that will help answer the question of whether people are aware of, respect and follow this rule. We will include what you send us in a compilation that will be made publicly available on this website: [www.bu.edu/rccp](http://www.bu.edu/rccp). We are hoping to receive information by March 31, so that we will have time to organize the compilation before the semester is over.

We acknowledge the amount of time that a full response requires, and hope this request is welcome and that it will not take up too much of your time. We believe that assessing the level of awareness and implementation of this law can serve a great public need, as lead poisoning is an extremely serious issue, and prevention is an effective strategy for reducing it.

1. Have the administrators of the schools built before 1978 received communications designed to direct their attention to the importance of ensuring compliance with this law by any contractors or their own employees doing work that disturbs paint?

2. Does your agency have a way of knowing whether these facilities are ensuring compliance?

3. Have these administrators been provided with a list of companies certified as lead-safe or information on how their own employees can be certified and trained? Are they required to either use the list or certify and train their employees?

4. Have these administrators been provided with instruction on how to ensure whether lead-safe practices are being implemented, such as:

- a. obtaining a copy of the documentation required of contractors that they have followed the requirements of the law;
- b. being present when the “cleaning verification” step is performed, allowing them to determine if they think cleaning is adequate;
- c. visually inspecting work as it is proceeding, to verify that actions have been taken to contain any dusts that may be generated?

5. Has your agency taken any other actions to ensure compliance, or are any such actions planned?

6. Has your agency taken action to prevent the spreading of lead dusts at schools with children older than six, or are any such actions planned?

An article describing the responses to this inquiry will be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal. We hope to receive full responses so that we can provide an accurate and comprehensive picture of what is happening nationwide concerning this law. Because of our short time frame, **we cannot guarantee that responses received after March 31** will be included in our published results.

Please send your response to:

The Regulated Community Compliance Project  
Center for Energy and Environmental Studies  
675 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston University  
Boston, MA, Zip

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. My email is: ----. An email copy of the response to that address would help to ensure timely receipt.

Thank you so much for your time. We greatly appreciate and look forward to your response to these questions.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME, phone

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