

Governor's name
Address of Governor

Date

Dear Governor <name> ,

We are students at Boston University researching the level of awareness and implementation of the new Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting rule (40 CFR Part 745, Subpart E, and corresponding sections of HUD regulations), which we believe is an important tool for preventing lead poisoning. We are cognizant of the fact that although lead poisoning has dramatically declined in the U.S., a substantial population is still harmed, and because it is so easily prevented, we believe that awareness of the new rule is a critical issue. We note the contribution of lead poisoning to the health and social cost burdens states must bear, and the personal tragedies it causes.

Enclosed are copies of letters we have sent to the chief administrators of health and education in your state. We know that they are busy with many pressing issues but we hope that they will take the time to try to answer our questions, as we believe a summary of what states are doing will help focus awareness on the importance of lead safety, and that increased attention will play a role in preventing future lead poisonings.

We are also asking of your office why your state (took or did not take) delegation of the rule. We think that gathering perspectives on that might provide light on the best way forward in dealing with this and similar issues. Again, we regret any imposition on busy staff time, but we do hope that the question is a welcome chance to articulate important policy considerations. We invite you to include any other information that you think is relevant to our purpose.

Please send your response to:

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

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. As we must complete the study during this semester, we are asking for responses by March 31, 2013, and we regret that we cannot guarantee that responses received after that date will be included.

Thank you,

Name, phone.