

Spartanburg Housing Affiliate Agencies Construction Services Development

CONTRACTOR APPROVAL FOR LEAD WORK

Contractors, who may work with lead based paint hazards, must be approved by Spartanburg Housing Affiliate Agencies for this work. Approval occurs when contractors have returned this form and documentation of appropriate trainings or certifications to this office.

I. _____, have chosen the following course of action:
CONTRACTOR

- My firm has become EPA certified to abate lead based paint. Documentation of EPA Certification attached.
- One or more of my crew has become EPA certified as a supervisor. Documentation of EPA Certification attached.

Name(s) of EPA certified supervisor

- Crewmembers have received training in Safe Work Practices (SWP). I understand that each crewmember, who may disturb lead based paint surfaces, must have received SWP training. Documentation of "Notice of Completion (s)" attached.

Name (s) of individual (s) completing SWP training

I shall update this list and corresponding documentation whenever changes occur.

SIGNED

DATE

LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARDS

Please consider the following to be an addition the SHAA'S General Conditions:

Several department of the federal government have established rules regarding repairing and weatherizing housing that may contain lead based paint. The rules intend to minimize occupant and worker exposure when lead- containing surfaces are disturbed. A variety of trainings for agency staff as well as contractors are now available to ensure that projects are undertaken in compliance with the regulations.

In general, buildings constructed prior to 1978 require attention to possible lead paint issues, and this includes a high percentage of the homes participating on our program. Depending upon funding source regulations and the particular circumstances, we may have the paint tested and an EPA- certified Risk Assessment performed or we may presume lead to be present in the paint. In either case, contractors will be required to follow a protocol of Safe Work Practices (SWP). Contractor work with lead hazards may have to pass a follow-up clearance test.

Contractor Approval: All contractors, who may work with lead paint hazards, must be approved by the SHAA to do this work. In addition, all work potentially disturbing lead hazards must take place in compliance with OSHA requirements.

Contractors may choose among three options for obtaining SHAA approval for working with lead based paint. Each of the options provides training at least equal to the SWP training.

(1)The most likely (and least expensive) option is for contractor crewmembers to receive the one-day HUD sponsored SWP training. Unlike the next two options, this approach does not involve EPA certification for the firm, supervisors or workers. However, each worker, whose work may disturb lead paint surfaces, must receive the SWP training. A certificate verifying completion of SWP training is provided for each individual who successfully completes the course. Trained workers may not supervise other non-trained crewmembers. There are several local alternatives where this training may be obtained; Contractors may receive SHAA approval for working with lead paint hazards by submitting to our office copies of workers' "Certificate of Completion" or similar documentation.

Contractors may choose to pursue a more ambitious course involving EPA certification. They may (2) become certified as a lead paint abatement contractor (for more information, contact the local EPA office) or (3) have a crew leader become EPA certified as a supervisor. The supervisor must be available to provide guidance to other contractor crewmembers in the use of appropriate techniques for working with lead hazards. Both of these options require several days of training, passing tests and paying fees associated with obtaining certifications. Trainings that lead to EPA certifications are locally available and can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/optintr/lead/traincert.htm>. If contractor choose either of these last two approaches, they must submit copies of EPA certifications to the SHAA in order to become approved to work with lead surfaces in conjunction with our home repair and weatherization programs.

A training focusing on containment and cleanup practices is also available. This is a highly recommended hands-on training of the practices described in the "Lead Paint Safety" manual.

The manual is included in this Contractor information packet or can be found at WWW.ep.gov/lead/leadsafetybk.pdf.

Contractors are also required to submit to SHAA the “Contractor Approval for Lead Work” form. This document the contractor and crew statue regarding certifications.

Please note the seriousness of SWP compliance.. We will monitor contractor compliance ambitiously due to health and legal risks associated with lead hazards. Failure to properly apply SWP may have serious ramifications for the contractor. If SHAA observes improper containment and /or cleanup practices or the household communicates concerns about their exposure to paint debris, a clearance test may immediately be ordered. Work that is in progress would be temporarily stopped. Household members may have to be temporarily relocated. Whole house clearance testing would be necessary (instead of work site clearance), due to failure to provide proper containment. The contractor would be responsible for all clearance testing costs (for initial and follow-up tests), whole house cleanup necessary to pass a final clearance test and any relocation costs. If lead were found to exist in the paint debris (clearance includes laboratory testing of paint), SHAA would need to inform the household that their home contains lead based paint. It is conceivable that some household would choose to have their blood lead levels tested and/or take some action against the contractor.

There are several ay contractors may improve crew understanding of SWP, especially containment and cleanup techniques. All contractors, whose work involves possible lead hazards, have been given HUD’s manual entitled “Lead Paint Safety”, which illustrates appropriate containment and cleanup procedures. In addition DOE’s Lead Safe Weatherization manual describes safe practices for many routine weatherization and repair activities. Let us know if you need copies of either of these. Contractors may also request SHAA guidance in SWP techniques for a specific job. Finally, additional training occasionally becomes available.

Please be advised, then, that the use of Safe Work Practices on designated homes is critical. Not only could this be a health issue for household members and contractor crewmembers, but also a potentially expensive cleanup or legal issue for the contactor.