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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEAR PRIVATE AGENCY DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: NEW EPA REGULATIONS REGARDING LEAD PAINT

On March 31, 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the Renovation, Repair and Painting Program rule requiring the use of lead-safe work practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. This rule affects paid renovators who work in pre-1978 single and multi-family housing as well as other child-occupied facilities such as day care centers, preschools, kindergarten classrooms, foster homes, residential child-care facilities and residential maternity homes.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Health Hazards Control Unit is conducting an education and outreach program regarding this rule. They have asked the Division of Social Services to make this information available to the agencies we license. We have posted five documents concerning this new federal regulation on the Regulatory and Licensing Services website (<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/licensing/misc.htm>) and page down to EPA Rules Related to Lead Paint. We ask that county departments of social services and private foster care child-placing agencies make this information available to foster parents. If you have questions about this new regulation please feel free to contact the Health Hazards Control Unit at (919) 707-5950.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charisse S. Johnson".

Charisse Johnson, Chief
Child Welfare Services

cc: Sherry S. Bradsher
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