

# EPA Proposes to Lower Dust-Lead Hazard & Clearance Levels

*Overarching goal is protecting families & children from lead exposure*

On July 12, 2023, the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](https://www.epa.gov)<sup>1</sup> announced a proposed rule that would reduce the dust-lead hazard standard (DLHS) from 10 micrograms per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ) for floors and 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for window sills to *any reportable level greater than zero*. The EPA also proposed the dust-lead clearance levels (DLCL) after lead removal activities be lowered from 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  to 3  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for floors, from 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  to 20  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for windowsills, and from 400  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  to 25  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for window troughs.

The EPA and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are planning a virtual [public workshop](#)<sup>2</sup> to gather stakeholder feedback and information related to these proposed standards. Interested parties can follow the link to register for the event.

For additional information on the SMCX's services, please visit the SMCX-hosted website at: <https://www.smscx.org/>.



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-proposes-strengthen-lead-paint-standards-protect-against>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-hud-seeking-presenters-virtual-workshop-revisiting-definition-lead-based-paint>