Federal Agency Policy Brief
Recommendations

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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Priority Actions (EPA)

Goal: Reduce lead hazards in water

• Strengthen the LCR by lowering the action for lead in water to 5 ppb.

• Require the use of rate payer dollars to subsidize full LSLR for low-income households in EJ communities.

• Increase equitable resources for water infrastructure improvements, including an increase in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Invest at least $4.5B/year for 10 years to replace all lead service lines going into homes, schools, and childcare facilities.

• Partner with the USDA Water & Environmental Programs to develop public guidance on water quality for private wells.
Priority Actions (EPA)

Goal: Reduce lead hazards in housing

- Reduce lead dust hazard and clearance levels to 5 µg/ft² for floors to 40 µg/ft² for window toughs.
- Add sampling requirements and lead dust hazard and clearance levels of 40 µg/ft² for porches.
- Lower hazard levels for lead in soil to the lowest level that is technically feasible, with no variation between play and non-play areas.
- Increase resources and capacity for RRP enforcement
Priority Actions (EPA)

Goal: Maximize the equitable impact of EPA resources and programs

- Increase the capacity, resources and enforcement power of the Office of Environmental Justice
- Make program resources more accessible through coordinated, simplified application processes.
- Help EPA grant program dollars go farther through interagency coordination with grant programs that target the same populations.
Priority Actions (EPA)

Goal: Address additional healthy housing issues such as asthma triggers and utility burden

- Reinstate the Reduce Risks from Indoor Air Quality Program

- Increase tax credit incentives for ENERGY STAR upgrades and collaborate with the ENERGY STAR program to create more affordable energy efficient appliances.