



Green & Healthy Homes Initiative®

Federal Agency Policy Brief Recommendations

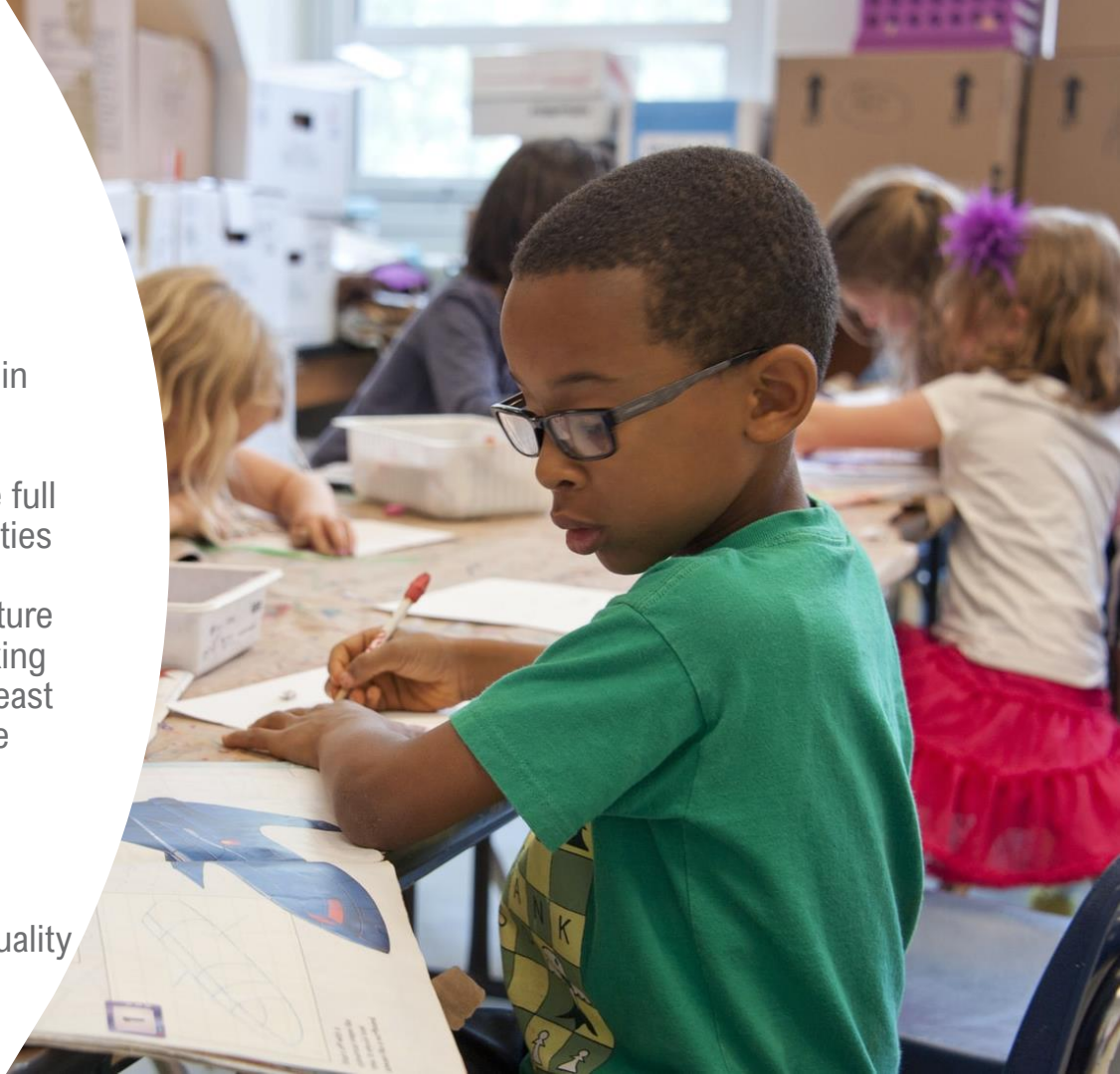
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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Priority Actions (EPA)

Goal: Reduce lead hazards in water

- Strengthen the LCR by Lower 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 in to 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 $5 \mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for floors to $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for window toughs.
- Add sampling requirements and lead dust hazard and clearance levels of $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ 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

- Reinstatement of 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.

