

WEATHERIZATION BULLETIN #507
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TO: Executive Directors & Weatherization Managers

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RE: **POLLUTION OCCURRENCE INSURANCE AND LEAD SAFE WORK PRACTICES**

Summary: The U.S. Department of Energy requires all Weatherization subgrantees to maintain insurance that includes coverage for pollution occurrences. Weatherization subgrantee installers and contractors must undergo approved Lead Safe Work Practices Training.

Subgrantees that have failed to acquire insurance must advise this office immediately. If the required insurance is not in effect, windows, doors and other painted surfaces cannot be disturbed if the dwelling unit was built before 1978.

This restriction does not mean that blower door guided air sealing cannot be completed.

Subgrantees must submit copies of the required insurance with contracts. Subgrantees (crew workers) and contractors must include a copy of the Lead Safe Work Practices Certificate with bid packages.

Additionally, Contractors are required to maintain pollution occurrence insurance that covers lead contamination when lead safe work practices are utilized during the Weatherization process, unless the work to be completed does not entail the treatment, repair, or removal of any materials that may be covered with lead based paint.

The Grantee is required to maintain pollution occurrence insurance that covers lead contamination when work safe lead practices are utilized during the weatherization process. This coverage may be waived only if the primary Liability Insurance policy does not include an exclusion for lead related pollution occurrence.
