

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Arkansas Department of Health, Center for Public Health Practice is holding a public comment period to allow an interested person to comment on amendments to the proposed revisions to the Rules Pertaining to Lead Based Paint Activities in Arkansas pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §20-27-2501 *et seq.* The proposed revisions are for the purpose of compliance with US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) changes in the clearance levels for lead in dust to meet industry standards. This rule change amends the definition of “Dust-lead hazard” to mean a surface dust in a residential dwelling or child-occupied facility that contains a mass-per-area concentration of lead equal to or exceeding 10 µg/ft<sup>2</sup> (micrograms per square foot) on floors or 100 µg/ft<sup>2</sup> on interior window sills based on wipe samples.

In December 2020, EPA announced a new action to better protect American children from the dangers of lead. The Final Rule lowers the clearance levels for the amount of lead that can remain in dust on floors and windowsills after lead removal activities. These new clearance levels will reduce lead dust-related risks to children in pre-1978 homes and childcare facilities where lead abatement activities take place. The EPA requires state’s update their Rules to reflect this change by January 1, 2022.

A copy of the proposed revisions is available for public inspection and viewing at the Arkansas Department of Health 4815 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72205. The proposed revisions are also available for inspection online on the Arkansas Department of Health website at <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/proposed-amendment-to-existing-rules>.

The public may submit written comments regarding the proposed amendments to the ADH, Center for Public Health Practice, by mail at 4815 W. Markham Slot 32 Little Rock, Arkansas, 72205, by email to [Chase.Ertzberger@arkansas.gov](mailto:Chase.Ertzberger@arkansas.gov), or in person at the, 4815 W. Markham Little Rock, AR 72205 no later than 10:00 a.m. on August 6, 2021.