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Clark Seif Clark is pleased to bring environmental, health & safety and information about building sciences to thousands of professionals each month. We hope you enjoy the newsletter.

## New 2012 HUD Lead Paint Guidelines that Replace the 1995 Edition Released

Recently, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing. This 2012 Edition is the second edition and replaces the original 1995 document.

According to HUD, the new edition support's the agency's vision for reducing hazards in housing in a cost-effective manner while protecting children. The new guidelines cover lead hazard evaluations and control in all federally associated housing. HUD reports, "The Guidelines complement regulations that have been issued by HUD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and policies from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)." The agency goes on to report, "While compliance with the Guidelines is not required by law, a Federal, State, or local statute, regulation, legal agreement or other document may require that the Guidelines, or certain parts, be followed."

A leading provider of lead testing services to ensure compliance with the new HUD guidelines is Clark Seif Clark. CSC is a professional environmental consulting firm with offices across the Southwest and West Coast. The company provides comprehensive lead-based paint consulting services and investigations.

"Although this new HUD document is specifically meant for federally associated housing, its importance and ramifications will likely be felt in other nonfederal housing situations," reported Franco Seif, President of Clark Seif Clark. "Lead consulting is one of CSC's core competencies and our lead experts have all been brought up to speed on this important new guideline."

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## Clark Seif Clark Selected for Award of Arizona's Statewide Environmental Consulting Services for Asbestos and Lead Contract

Clark Seif Clark is pleased to announce that they have been selected for award of the State of Arizona's Contract No. ADSPO12-033355. The contract covers statewide environmental consulting services for asbestos and lead. The State Procurement Office (SPO) made their decision in October.

The dangers due to exposure to asbestos have been known for years. Asbestos still poses a serious health hazard that can result in asbestosis, lung cancer, and mesothelioma, a rare form of cancer known to be caused only by exposure to asbestos. The experts at CSC provide testing services to detect the presence of asbestos and determine an abatement plan that is safe, provides minimal disruption, and removes the materials from any structure where it can cause health concerns.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, "Childhood lead poisoning remains a major environmental health problem in the U.S." Exposure to lead can harm young children, unborn babies, and even adults. The most likely source of lead in indoor environments can be found in lead paint that was used with homes and properties built before 1980. CSC works to detect the sources of lead contamination in buildings and they are well versed on the stringent requirements that must be adhered to during removal.

By being selected for the award of the contract, CSC is now able to provide their expertise in protecting people and the environment from lead and asbestos hazards to state government agencies across Arizona. The initial contract is in effect for one year.

Asbestos and lead consulting is one of CSC's core competencies. CSC has a long history of protecting people from the hazards associated with exposure to lead and asbestos and CSC looks forward to providing these important consulting services to the state agencies in Arizona.

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