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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to make you aware of an upcoming Environmental Protection Agency revision of dust-lead hazard standards on floors (carpeted and uncarpeted) and window sills.

On January 6, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency will employ more stringent dust-lead hazard standards. The dust-lead hazard standards for floors (carpeted and uncarpeted) will be lowered from 40 to 10 micrograms per square foot, and dust-lead hazard standards for window sills will be lowered from greater than or equal to 250 micrograms per square foot to greater than or equal to 100 micrograms per square foot. These revised dust-lead hazards standards can be found on page 32632 of the Federal Register, Vol. 84, No. 131 published on July 9, 2019 to be codified in 40 CFR § 745.

Coast Guard residential leases require lessors to comply with all federal, state and local laws that apply to ownership and operation of the premises. To ensure the safety of Coast Guard members and their families, as well as all residents residing within your properties, please ensure your properties meet these new dust-lead hazard standards. This is especially important for child-occupied homes or those constructed before 1982. Even though manufacture of lead-base house paint was banned in 1978, lead-based paint remained in stock and available for use until 1981.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to your local Leased Housing Contracting Officer.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Anthony Williams in blue ink, with the text "Anthony Williams, CAPT, USCG" written below it.

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