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# DUST LEAD CLEARANCE LEVELS

## Effective March 8, 2021

### WHAT IS CHANGING?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is lowering its Dust Lead Clearance Level (DLCL) for floors from less than 40 micrograms of per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ) to less than 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ , and for window sills from less than 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  to less than 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ .

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Until Wisconsin's standards become as restrictive as federal standards, **all** projects must meet the floor standard of less than 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  and sill standard of less than 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  to pass clearance.

There is no change for U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-funded projects because HUD's DLCLs were changed in 2017 and are currently equal to or more protective than EPA's new reduced DLCLs. HUD-funded projects must continue to meet HUD's DLCLs.

	WI DHS	US EPA	US HUD
Floor	<del>less than 40</del>	<b>less than 10</b>	less than 10
Sill	<del>less than 250</del>	<b>less than 100</b>	less than 100
Trough	less than 400		less than 100
Porch	N/A		less than 40

All levels in micrograms per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ )

Projects funded by HUD must meet this set of more restrictive standards.

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### WHAT'S NEXT?

Wisconsin Admin. Code ch. DHS 163 is currently proposed for revision, awaiting legislative action. If revisions are enacted as proposed, Wisconsin's clearance levels will match HUD's DLCLs. That would eliminate the need to remember more than one set of dust lead clearance levels.

As soon as information is available on this additional change, DHS will communicate it to the regulated community.



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