



# **Western Regional Lead and Healthy Housing Conference**

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# Conference Program and Schedule

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

## **9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Opening General Session – Regulatory Issues and Funding Opportunities (Imperial Ballroom)**

Moderator: Larry Brooks, Director Emeritus, Alameda County Healthy Homes Department

### ***Regulatory Issues***

Update on California Department of Public Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch Activities

California's Takeover of EPA's RRP Rule and Changes to Title 17

The New EPA Rule on Dust Hazard Standards and Post-abatement Clearance Standards and How the Rule Impacts on Procedures and Costs

Presenters: Max Weintraub, Renovation Section Manager, CLPPB, California Department of Public Health; Carrie McNeil, Manager, CLPPB, California Department of Public Health; Tom Neltner, National Director, Unleaded Kids; Michael C. Sharp, Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corporation

### ***Funding Opportunities***

Presenters: Tom Neltner, National Director, Unleaded Kids; Matt Ammon, Director, HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

## **12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch Provided**

## **2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Two Concurrent Educational Tracks**

Track #1 on Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Hazard Identification and Control Issues (Imperial Ballroom with approximate times)

Moderator: Michael C. Sharp, Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corporation

Part 1: Lead in Consumer Products: Improving Policies to adequately reduce the risk of lead exposure to consumers in the United States (2:00 – 2:45 p.m.)

Presenter: Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon, Senior Director of Toxic Exposures and Pollution Prevention Program, Center for Environmental Health

Part 2: Local Targeted Hire Program (2:45 – 3:30 p.m.)

Presenter: Maria Torres, Supervisor, Los Angeles Community Development Agency

Part 3: EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Improvements: Implications for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Community (3:30 – 4:15 p.m.)

Presenter: Tom Neltner, National Director, Unleaded Kids Organization

Part 4: Non-housing exposure sources (4:30 – 5:30 p.m.)

Presenters: Katie Gulyas, CLPPP Coordinator, and Marilen Biding, Community Outreach Nurse/Case Manager, Alameda County Healthy Homes Department

Track #2 on Healthy and Safe Housing Issues (Regency Ballroom with approximate times)

Moderator: Larry Brooks, Director Emeritus, Alameda County Healthy Homes Department

Part 1: Assessing asthma triggers, including wildfire smoke, in occupied buildings (2:00 – 2:45 p.m.)

Presenter: Queen Eze, Healthy Breathing Project Manager, Esperanza Community Housing Organization

Part 2: Collaborating with local code enforcement officials to support lead and healthy housing programs (2:45 – 3:30 p.m.)

Presenters: Larry Brooks, Director Emeritus, Alameda County Healthy Homes Department; Orlando Givens, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, Monarch Consulting Services, and Ceci Muela, President, Monarch Consulting Services

Part 3: Racial Equality Impact Analysis: Disparities in Lead Poisoning and Prevention Efforts (3:30 – 4:15 p.m.)

Presenter: Marybelle Nzegwu Tobias, Principal, Environmental Justice Solutions

Part 4: Equitable Strategies and Tools for Healthy Housing Workforce Development (4:15– 5:00 p.m.)

Presenter: Janell Hills-Thomas, Director, Equitable Workforce Strategies

## **5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Networking Reception and Exhibit Viewing**

### **Thursday, January 30, 2025**

#### **8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Two Concurrent Educational Tracks Continued**

Educational Track #1 on Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Hazard Control Issues (Imperial Ballroom with approximate times)

Moderator: Michael C. Sharp, Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corporation

Parts 1 and 2: Examining New Lead Rules in CA and how they may affect construction and maintenance work (8:30 – 11:00 a.m.)

Presenter: Michael C. Sharp, Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corporation

Part 3: Engaging Communities for Lead Awareness (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Presenters: Angela Baranco and Natalie Long, US EPA Region 9

Part 4: Blood lead screening and universal testing legislation: national overview and gaps in state regulations (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

Presenter: Katie Gulyas, CLPPP Coordinator, Alameda County Healthy Homes Department

Educational Track #2 on Healthy and Safe Housing Issues (Regency Ballroom with approximate times)

Moderator: Larry Brooks, Director Emeritus, Alameda County Healthy Homes Department

Part 1: Lessons Learned by a Small County Taking on the HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant (8:30 – 9:15 a.m.)

Presenters: Rick Heinrichs, Supervising REHS, HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Program Director, Fresno County; Bee Vang, REHS III, HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Program Manager, Fresno County

Part 2: Indoor Environmental Quality and Allergens (9:15 – 10:00 a.m.)

Presenters: Rebecca Schiffer, Local Director, and Madeleine Dangazyan, Sr. Project Manager, Forensic Analytical Consulting Services

Part 3: Breathing Easy: Enhancing Respiratory Health through Safe Housing and Community Programs (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.)

Presenter: Jacqueline Vazquez, Program Manager, Breathe Southern California; Anne Kelsey Lamb, Director, Regional Asthma Management & Prevention

Part 4: Using data to evaluate community environmental exposures (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Presenter: Kevin Kennedy, Environmental Health Scientist, Healthy Indoors Training and Consulting, LLC; Neal Wilson, Associate Director, Center for Economic Information – University of Missouri Kansas City

Part 5: Turning Justice into Action: Leveraging Lead Paint Settlement Funds for Safer Homes (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

Presenter: Janet Scully, Program Manager, LA County Department of Health

**Conference Adjourns at 1:00 p.m.**

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