



# **New England Regional Lead and Healthy Housing Conference**

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**May 2-3, 2024  
Portsmouth, NH**



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# Conference Program and Schedule

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

Two General Sessions that will focus on ways in which new and pending regional and national regulatory and programmatic issues can impact on state and local public health and housing departments, lead inspectors and risk assessors, lead abatement firms, advocacy and outreach organizations and lead laboratories.

## **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – First General Session (The Envio Ballroom)**

Moderator: Kate Kirkwood, K Kirkwood Consulting, Sullivan County, NH

Welcoming Remarks by Elizabeth McKenna, Special Assistant for Policy and Projects, Office of United States Senator Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire

Issue #1 will deal with Lowering of Blood Lead Levels by States within the Region and the impact on public health programs, education and outreach strategies, and health advocates.

Participants:

Beverly Baer Drouin, Section Administrator, NH Department of Health & Human Services

Knatalie Vetter, Environmental Supervisor, NH Department of Health & Human Services

Kimberly Ploszaj, Supervising Environmental Analyst, CT Department of Public Health

Amy Danielson, Asbestos and Lead Regulatory Program Manager, VT Department of Health

Kelly Lamonda, Healthy Homes Program Manager, VT Department of Health

John Bucci, OHMS III Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management, Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Sandy Moody, Environmental Specialist, Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Michael Weakley, Supervisor, Lead and Asbestos Enforcement and Licensing, MA Department of Labor Standards

Michael Flanagan, Director, MA Department of Labor Standards

Terry Howard, Deputy Director, Bureau of Climate and Environmental Health, MA Department of Health

Ryan Leech, Director of Housing and Community Development, Woonsocket, RI

Judah Boulet, Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Development Chief, RI Department of Health

Issue #2 will deal with EPA's proposed rule on Dust Lead Hazard Standards and Dust Lead Post-Abatement Clearance Levels and the rule's consequences on public programs and on lead inspections, remediations and clearance requirements and costs.

Participants:

Emma Rutin, RCRA Waste Management and Lead Branch, Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division, US EPA Region 1

Tom Neltner, Executive Director, Unleaded Kids, Washington, DC

Ron Peik, President, Alpine Environmental, Chelmsford, MA

Mike Sharp, Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corporation, Concord, CA

Mickey Laskey, Lead Risk Assessor, American Environmental Testing Services of New England

Doug Jones, Risk Assessor/Lead Inspector and Contractor, Above the Rest Inspections, New England Restorations

## **12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch Buffet Provided**

## **1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Second General Session (The Envio Ballroom)**

Issue # 3 will deal with the Similarities and Differences among the New England States regulations and how they conduct lead and healthy housing programs.

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Issue #4 will deal with Lead and Healthy Housing Achievements and Challenges in New England, including the Effectiveness of Federal Grants and Federal Enforcement Strategies, and HUD's new grant application process.

Tom Neltner, Executive Director, Unleaded Kids, Washington, DC

Michelle Miller, Deputy Director, HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Washington, DC

Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager, City of Nashua, NH

Paul Chalifour, Program Manager – Lead Program, NH Housing

Chelcie Pinsonneault, Lead Program Manager, Manchester, NH

Derek Ferland, Sullivan County Program Manager, Sullivan County, NH

Esther Figueroa, Program Manager, Childrens Office of Community Child Health, Hartford, CT

Presentation on MA's "One-Stop Application" by Michael Flanagan, Director, MA Department of Labor Standards

## **5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Networking Reception and Exhibit Viewing (The Envio Ballroom Foyer)**

**Friday, May 3, 2024**

**8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Two Concurrent Educational Tracks**

Educational Track on Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Hazard Control Issues (Envio B/C)

Moderator: Kate Kirkwood, K Kirkwood Consulting, Sullivan County, NH

Part 1: Effect on state and local lead poisoning prevention programs on EPA proposed guidance that lowered recommended screening levels and strengthened guidance for cleaning up lead-contaminated soil.

Presenter: Tom Neltner, National Director, Unleaded Kids, Washington, DC

Part 2: Results of the Needed Lead Law Conference and Project

Presenter: Richard “Rick” Reibstein, Professor, Boston University

Part 3: Empowering families to prevent pervasive lead exposure when abatement and relocation are not immediate options.

Presenter: Marta Kostecki, Regional Lead Treatment Center, New Haven, CT

Part 4: Strategies for reaching at-risk populations, including refugee and migrant groups, with lead poisoning prevention and environmental health information.

Presenters: Gail Gettens, NH DHHS/Division of Public Health Services; Katie Hacher, Public Health Nurse, Nashua Division of Public Health & Community Services; Katerina Liti, Urban Programs/Program Coordinator, Nashua, NH

Educational Track on Healthy Housing Issues (Envio A)

Moderator: Mike Sharp, Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corporation, Concord, CA

Parts 1 and 2: Identifying indoor environmental health and safety hazards and determining remediation strategies (a two-hour workshop).

Presenter: Mike Sharp, Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corporation

Part 3: Abatement for housing rehabilitation programs and navigating the regulatory requirements

Presenter: Michelle DeGarmo, President, Flatley Read, Inc.

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Buffet Lunch Provided**

**1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Two Concurrent Educational Tracks**

Educational Track on Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Hazard Control Issues (Envio B/C)

Moderator: Kate Kirkwood, K Kirkwood Consulting, Sullivan County, NH

Part 1: Strategies for engaging local code officials in support of lead and healthy housing programs.

Presenters: Cecilia Muela, Director of Code Enforcement, 4Leaf, Inc.; Nelson Ortega, Code Enforcement Department, Nashua, NH; Julian Long, Urban Programs Manager, Nashua, NH; Bob Veno, Health Inspector, Rochester, NH

Part 2: Safe Water in Schools: A look at New Hampshire’s new law and other states policies on lead in schools’ drinking water.

Presenters: John Rumpler, Environmental America, Boston, MA; Ian Atwell, Lead in Schools and Child Care Facilities Program Manager, NH Department of Environmental Services

Part 3: Lessons learned from New Hampshire's Residential Market Survey for accessing housing data and engaging landlords.

Presenters: Kate Kirkwood, Consultant and Program Manager, Lead Paint Clear and Simple; Alexandra Galanis, Manager, Research and Data Analysis, New Hampshire Housing

Part 4: The new approach for issuing HUD's Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grants

Presenters: Tom Neltner, National Director, Unleaded Kids, Washington, DC

Educational Track on Healthy Housing Issues (Envio A)

Moderator: Mike Sharp, Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corporation, Concord, CA

Part 1: Strategies for improving living conditions for migrant families.

Presenters: Leah Bradley, Chief Executive Officer, Central MA Housing Alliance, Worcester, MA; James Brooks, Director, Worcester Housing Development and Healthy Homes

Part 2: Improving ventilation in commercial and residential buildings.

Presenter: Robert Powitz, R.W. Powitz & Associates, Old Saybrook, CT

Part 3: Learn how the Neighborhood Environmental Assessments and Restoration (NEAR) Project utilized a collaborative approach to cultivate sustainable practices for promoting healthy homes across neighborhoods in Hartford.

Presenter: Esther Figueiroa, Program Manager, Children's Office of Community Child Health, Hartford, CT

Part 4: Manchester Initiative: Enforcement and Outreach

Presenter: Molly Magoon, Environmental Protection Specialist and Inspector, EPA Region 1

Part 5: How to save money on construction while complying with the new federal hazards and clearance lead in dust levels.

Presenter: Mike Sharp, Senior Safety Officer, Janus Corporation

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