



District of Columbia

Department of the Environment's Lead and Healthy
Housing Division Compliance and Enforcement Branch

Clearance Examination and Report Requirements

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20 DCMR § 3310 – Renovation Requirements

3310.4 A clearance examination shall be performed after the work has been done that required a renovation permit, which in the case of work in a vacant unit shall be at any point prior to re-occupancy of the unit:

(a) A clearance examination triggered pursuant to this section or § 3316.2(a), or pursuant to any provision under 40 CFR § 745.85, shall consist of dust sampling in each room that contains a work area, on the following surfaces in each sampled room:

(1) One (1) floor sample; and
 (2) For rooms that contain a window, one (1) window sill or one (1) window well sample;

(b) For work that involves door replacement in accordance with § 3316.2(a), the floor samples shall be taken within two feet (2 ft.) of any such door, but no window sample shall be required;

(c) Whenever a work area is located on the exterior of a property, and whenever a work area involves a window or a door that opens to the exterior of a property, a dust sample shall be taken on any concrete or other rough exterior horizontal surface within the work area(s);

(d) A clearance examination performed after covering of soil pursuant to § 3316.2(b) shall consist of a determination by the lead-based paint inspector or risk assessor conducting the clearance examination as to whether the lead-contaminated soil was uniformly covered by at least six inches (6 in.) of clean soil or other appropriate ground cover, and a description in the clearance report of the methodology used by said inspector or risk assessor to make this determination; and

(e) A clearance examination shall be performed no sooner than one (1) hour and no later than three (3) business days after the completion of the activities conducted pursuant to the permit or other activities listed in §§ 3316.2(a) and (b), or in the case of work in a vacant unit, at any point prior to re-occupancy of the unit.

3310.5 Each environmental sample taken pursuant to this section shall be submitted for analysis to an appropriately accredited lab.

3310.6 The clearance examination shall be conducted by a lead-based paint inspector or risk assessor, or, except in clearance cases involving soil clearance, by a dust sampling technician.

3310.7 A clearance report produced under this section shall be filed with DDOE within seven (7) business days following the successful clearance examination by the individual, firm, or business entity to which DDOE issued the permit.

3310.8 Each clearance report shall contain a copy of the current DDOE-issued certification card belonging to the individual that conducted the clearance examination and the date the clearance report was issued.

Make sure that your clearance report includes the following:

1. Property address and specific units or areas identified
2. Name, address, signature and District of Columbia certification number of each person involved in the clearance examination
3. Name and identification number of each laboratory conducting the analysis
4. Date of Clearance examination
5. Results of the visual assessment for the presence of deteriorated paint and visible dust, debris, residue or paint chips
6. Result of the analysis of dust samples in the micrograms square feet ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) by location of samples
7. Name and address of each firm and supervisor involved in lead-hazard reduction activity
8. Start and completion date of the lead hazard reduction activity
9. Detailed written description of the lead hazard reduction activity including the methods used
10. Location of exterior surfaces, interior rooms, common areas and/or component where the hazard reduction occurred
11. Indicate if the unit passed or failed
12. Any recommended monitoring requirement