



District of Columbia

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

Clearance Examination and Report Requirements

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**20 DCMR § 3315 – Risk Reduction Using Interim
Controls**

3315.4 Whenever non-abatement activities are conducted to address lead-based paint hazards pursuant to an Order to Eliminate Lead-Based Paint Hazards, a clearance examination shall be required:

- (a) No sooner than one (1) hour after completion of such interim controls, but no more than three (3) business days after such completion, and again between thirty (30) and thirty-six (36) months, as specified by DDOE in the Order, after completion of the interim controls activities; or
- (b) No sooner than one (1) hour after completion of such interim controls, but no more than three (3) business days after such completion, and again within such timeframe that is specified by DDOE in the Order, which may include a requirement for multiple Clearance Reports over time.
- 3315.5 An initial clearance report pertaining to the elimination of lead-based paint hazards identified in an Order issued by DDOE shall be issued only by a risk assessor. Any subsequent clearance report may be issued by a risk assessor, a lead-based paint inspector, or a dust sampling technician.
- 3315.6 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.
- 3315.7 Notice to DDOE that a dust test will be performed as part of a clearance examination pursuant to § 3315.4 shall be provided by fax, in person, or via the DDOE website, on a DDOE-specified form, submitted to DDOE at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to conducting the dust test, or as soon as practicable, whichever is sooner.

3315.8 A copy of each clearance report shall be submitted to DDOE by the property owner, within seven (7) business days of its issuance, either in PDF format by email, or by mail, a courier service, or in person.

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

