

Environmental Aspects Focal Area Summary

Second Meeting of the Global
Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint

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Objectives

- Eliminate the addition of lead in paint to the environment and human exposure.
- Establish global protective guidelines based on best environmental practices and best available technologies that are applicable to all countries regarding lead content in paint.

Priority Actions

- Identify baseline lead levels in paint, objectives:
 - encourage nations to conduct monitoring to estimate the prevalence of lead in the environment (for example, in water, soil and animals)
 - exchange information on lead levels in paints in various countries
- Conduct lead education/awareness outreach, objective:
 - exchange information to promote general public awareness of the health hazards of lead paint

Priority Actions

- Identify alternatives to lead in paint, objectives:
 - provide information regarding the hazards of substitutes for lead compounds in paint (users/industry focus)
 - discuss benefits and relative availability of the alternatives for lead compounds in paint

Priority Actions

- Address lead paint in homes & schools, objectives:
 - develop methods to identify other lead paint exposures in communities and the appropriate action, e.g., removal vs exposure minimization
 - exchange information on methods to make housing and other buildings with lead paint safe for occupancy by children and pregnant women
 - enhance the elimination of lead paint in schools and other buildings where children will be present
 - identify techniques to effectively contain lead paint
 - minimize risks of previously applied lead paint in buildings by using effective containment

Priority Actions

- Laboratory paint testing & methodology, objectives:
 - Develop guidelines with descriptions of simple analytical methods and test kits to identify lead paints
 - Build capacity and provide information and knowledge about methods and field or laboratory equipment used to measure lead in paint

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