




THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Reconstitution of Leadership and Operational Structure for Lead (Pb)

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TO: General Counsel
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The United States has made tremendous progress in lowering children's blood lead levels over the last 50 years, but potential exposures to lead in the home and environment still present a health risk to many people nationwide, especially children. Recognizing the need to ensure continued progress in reducing lead exposure, the Trump Administration is reconstituting the Senior Lead Leadership Coordinating Committee for and a parallel operational Lead Coordinating Committee. This cross-EPA structure intends to support the agency's mission of protecting human health and the environment under the leadership of Administrator Zeldin, Powering the Great American Comeback.

EPA headquarters program and regional offices work to address lead exposure under the statutory authorities and responsibilities of the Toxic Substance Control Act; Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; Clean Air Act; Clean Water Act; and Safe Drinking Water Act. EPA is continuing to work under the government-wide 2018 [Federal Lead Action Plan](#). Our goals of the EPA work moving forward will align with those established in 2018, namely:

- Goal 1: Reduce children's exposure to lead sources
- Goal 2: Identify lead-exposed children and improve their health outcomes
- Goal 3: Communicate more effectively with stakeholders
- Goal 4: Support and conduct critical research to inform efforts to reduce lead exposures and related health risks

In line with Administrator Zeldin's Powering the Great American Comeback initiative, EPA is also putting forward the following cross-agency approaches which support Pillar 3: Permitting Reform,

Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership, as well as Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American:

- Align EPA resources to support state, local and tribal government action under a cooperative federalism model.
- Streamline and promote effective risk communications to support individuals with information to take further action to protect themselves and their communities.
- Unleash private sector innovation and impact through public-private partnerships as a convener and certifier of credibility.

As a next step, I am asking all EPA headquarters and regional offices to provide the following points of contact for this reconstitution and implementation:

1. One or two *Lead Leadership Champions* to participate in the Senior Lead Leadership Coordinating Committee, preferably a pair of political and senior career leaders.
2. One communications/external relations point of contact.
3. One or more operational level contacts for the Lead Coordinating Committee (attached).

If you or your staff have any questions, please reach out to me or our Acting Agency Lead (Pb) Coordinator S. Xiah Kragie at Kragie.Sheila@epa.gov. Please send the above contacts to Ms. Kragie by COB Monday, July 21, 2025.

Attachments

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