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Subject: **Stakeholder Input on Proposed Rulemaking** Regarding Proposed Amendments to Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Detection, Monitoring and Investigation of Environmental and Chronic Diseases, Regulation 1, List C (6CCR 1009-7)

The Occupational Health and Safety Surveillance (OHSS) Program of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is asking the Colorado Board of Health to consider an amendment to existing regulation associated with laboratory and physician reporting of adult elevated blood lead levels (BLL).

The proposed amendment would require reporting of all BLLs  $\geq 10$   $\mu\text{g/dL}$  for all adults older than age 18:

Current Colorado Rule	Proposed Modification
Age > 18: BLLs $> 25$ $\mu\text{g/dL}$ (within 30 days)	Age > 18: BLLs $\geq 10$ $\mu\text{g/dL}$ (within 30 days)
Age $\leq 18$ : All BLLs (within 7 days if $\geq 10$ $\mu\text{g/dL}$ , otherwise 30 days)	Age $\leq 18$ : All BLLs (within 7 days if $\geq 10$ $\mu\text{g/dL}$ , otherwise 30 days) <b>[Reporting for this age group unchanged from Current Rule]</b>

This amendment will authorize the OHSS Program to monitor state-wide trends in accordance with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for surveillance of elevated adult BLLs. Case surveillance authorized by this broader reporting requirement will improve understanding of the epidemiology of adult occupational and environmental lead poisoning in Colorado.

We invite you to submit comments or questions regarding this proposed rule change through the following online survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/PYL3NNT](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PYL3NNT)

Your feedback is important and will be shared with the Colorado Board of Health.