

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

This is an agreement between

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County (**CCE**)

And

Albany County Department of Health

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a framework for collaboration between Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County (CCE Albany), and the Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) for Lead Abatement Worker and Lead Abatement Supervisor training.

II. BACKGROUND

The New York State Rental Registry which focuses on preventing childhood lead poisoning by requiring landlords in certain communities to remove lead hazards from rental units built before 1980 will be expected to take effect in November of 2025, in Albany County. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Albany County is certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to provide the Lead Abatement Worker training course and anticipates being certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to provide the Abatement Supervisor training course by December of 2025. ACDOH is working to help provide an ongoing work force to meet the increasing workload presented by the NYS Lead Rental Registry.

III. CCE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

CCE shall undertake the following activities:

Cornell Cooperative Extension will provide (14) Abatement Worker courses (total cost for these trainings \$39,200) to landlords, contractors or whoever may need to be certified to perform lead-based paint abatement. They will also provide (12) Abatement Supervisor courses (total cost for these trainings \$48,000). Course descriptions are as follows:

Lead Abatement Supervisor Initial

A certified lead-abatement supervisor oversees the lead-abatement construction process. The supervisor must understand the dangers of lead, how to safely remove it, how to protect workers and other occupants, proper lead-abatement practices and methods, compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency regulations as well as State and local regulations. This 32-hour Course is for anyone supervising on-site lead-based paint abatement activities. Educational topics include the health effects of lead, understanding legal liabilities, lead hazard control strategies, proper PPE, sufficient construction containment setup, and other factors to ensure lead abatement jobs are conducted effectively, and safely. This course is designed to meet the requirements of 40 CFR Part 745-Lead; Requirements for Lead-based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities, a federal regulation under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). After completion of this course, passing a third-party exam, completing the EPA application and paying applicable fees, participants are

considered an official EPA certified Lead-Abatement Supervisor with refresher courses required to maintain certification.

Lead Abatement Worker Initial

The EPA Model Lead Abatement Worker course is designed to train workers to abate lead-based paint hazards safely. Lead Abatement Workers understand what lead is, the dangers it poses, where it can be found, and how to safely and effectively cover or remove it. This 16-hour course teaches on-site lead abatement personnel about the dangers of lead, including but not limited to, the health effects, the role and responsibilities of a worker, compliance with Environmental Protection Agency regulations as well as State and local regulations, lead abatement hazard reduction practices, and proper PPE for lead-based paint hazard control projects. This course is designed to meet the requirements of 40 CFR Part 745-Lead; Requirements for Lead-based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities, a federal regulation under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). It also meets the training requirements of HUD's Lead-Safe Housing rule (24 CFR Part 35, et al.) for renovation, maintenance, and remodeling workers who disturb lead. After completion of this course, completing the EPA application and paying applicable fees, participants are considered official EPA certified Lead-Abatement Workers with refresher courses required to maintain certification.

IV. ASSOCIATE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU:

The Albany County Department of Health agrees:

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

To the extent permitted by law each party to this Agreement shall hold harmless, indemnify, and defend with reasonable attorney fees the other party, their officers, directors, trustees, employees, volunteers, and agents from and against injury to any person, including death, or damage to property caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the indemnifying party, its employees, or agents. If it is determined that both parties contributed to the injury or damage each party shall be responsible for its comparative negligence in causing the injury or damage.

Each party shall maintain commercial general liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence covering its operations related to this Agreement and obligations herein and shall name the other an Additional Insured.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE:

This MOU shall be in effect upon the signature of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County and the Albany County Department of Health. It shall be in force from 12/1/2025 to 3/31/2029.

Parties indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures.

Lisa V. Godlewski
Executive Director
CCE Albany County

Albany County Department of Health

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