



## Northeast District Department of Health

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### **STATEMENT on Lead Hazards Identified at The Lofts at Cargill Falls Mill, Putnam**

Lead poisoning prevention is an important public health issue primarily for children under the age of six. The Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) routinely addresses lead concerns by conducting inspections and then working with property owners to make sure that lead hazards are identified and corrected.

An inspection conducted by NDDH at The Lofts at Cargill Falls Mill, 58 Pomfret Street, Putnam has identified lead hazards in one of the units. Property managers were informed, and a notification letter was sent to all residents. In order to comply with Connecticut General Statutes 19a-111 and its accompanying regulations, we are asking tenants of all units housing children under the age of six to contact NDDH at 860-774-7350. Our office will need to conduct an inspection of those units. NDDH is also addressing concerns for all residents and is conducting visual inspections of other units as well as common areas.

Ingestion of lead dust is the primary means of an elevated blood lead level in children. This dust may be found in any building built before 1978, so we urge everyone to keep painted surfaces in good repair and remind parents to have children tested for lead according to required guidelines. Education, testing and reducing lead paint exposure are all important strategies for lead poisoning prevention.