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CLANDESTINE METHAMPHETAMINE LABORATORY CLEANUP GUIDELINES

The Arkansas Legislative Session of 2003 enacted Act 1270, entitled "An Act Requiring the Arkansas Department of Health To Establish Guidelines For the Cleanup Of Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs By April 1, 2004; And For Other Purposes" mandating the Arkansas Department of Health to establish guidelines for the cleanup of clandestine methamphetamine laboratories. Act 1270 Of 2003 also directs the Arkansas Department of Health to review these guidelines at least once per year for the purpose of making any revisions and updates as deemed necessary.

Since March 28, 2004, the Arkansas Department of Health has made methamphetamine laboratory cleanup guideline available to the public on the Agency's website and these guidelines have been reviewed and updated annually.

During the Arkansas Legislative Session of 2007, Act 864 of 2007 entitled "An Act to Protect Property Owners Form Contamination By Manufacturing Of Controlled Substances; To Authorize the Arkansas Department Of Environmental Quality To Create A Program For Remediation Of Contaminated Property; To Require Public Notification Of Contaminated Property; And For Other Purposes" was enacted. Act 864 of 2007 mandates the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to:

- Establish and administer a certification program to certify contractors who inspect, sample, remediate and remove contaminated materials from property contaminated due to the manufacture of controlled substances by May 1, 2008;
- Establish standards for the remediation of property contaminated through the manufacture of controlled substances by March 1, 2008;
- Make the certification rules and regulations available to law enforcement and the public; and
- Annually review and update the remediation standards.

Effective May 2008, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has established cleanup standards for properties affected by the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine and for owners to have their property

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declared “ready for reoccupation” after being decontaminated. These standards: 1) describe the methods to remove residual contamination from building interiors; 2) describe concentrations or levels of contaminant residues that are acceptable post-cleanup; and 3) describe methods to demonstrate that appropriate cleanup levels have been met via sampling and laboratory analyses.

These standards established by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality should be followed for the remediation of contaminated property. ADEQ’s standards are available on their website at:

www.adeg.state.ar.us/hazwaste/branch_programs/clcc.htm

If anyone has questions or requires additional information regarding health effects associated with exposure to methamphetamine laboratory-related chemicals or byproducts, please contact Shirley Louie, M.S., CIH, Associate Branch Chief for Epidemiology, Arkansas Department of Health by telephone at 1-501-661-2833 or 1-800-462-0599, ext. 2833 or by email at shirley.louie@arkansas.gov.

To report a known or suspected methamphetamine laboratory, contact your local law enforcement agency or drug task force.