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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Brenda Council – OLS CAG Facilitator

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**SUBJECT: EPA Region 7 Lead Education and Awareness Project in St. Louis, Missouri**

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This is an update on the proposed data collection for the referenced project in St. Louis, which is open for public comment until November 22, 2004. The purpose for the proposed data collection for St. Louis is to survey lessors and lessees located in areas of high risk for lead poisoning to gain an understanding of regulatory compliance by lessors, to determine if lessees are provided lead education materials by lessors and how the lessees implement lead poisoning prevention measures in their homes, and to determine the effectiveness of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's education and outreach efforts.

MFG, Inc. had questions regarding this survey that were answered by Lynn, who responded on behalf of William A. Spratlin, Director, Air, RCRA, and Toxics Division for EPA Region 7. The following responses were received:

1. Where did the funding come from to conduct this survey?  
Funding was obtained through a cooperative agreement between the federal level of EPA and Region 7.
2. How was St. Louis selected as the site for this survey?  
The City of St. Louis has the highest rate of children with elevated blood lead levels within the four states comprising EPA Region 7. This has been the case with St. Louis for at least the past two to four years.
3. Who is conducting the survey?  
EPA competed a grant and the grant was awarded to Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS). At this point, EPA Region 7 is unaware of whether or not MDHSS will perform the survey itself or if they will hire a subcontractor to perform the survey.
4. How will the 150 respondents to the survey be selected?  
The 150 respondents to the survey will include both landlords and tenants. These will be selected by identifying landlords that own rental property within the targeted areas (which are those areas identified by zip code that have areas of high risk for lead poisoning). EPA headquarters will then put a "blind on the landlords" (meaning they will provide a listing of properties that do not reveal the landlord's identity) and a statistician from EPA headquarters will select landlords from this list. The tenants that will be surveyed will be the tenants of the landlords that are surveyed. This way EPA will get both points of view regarding the same lessor-lessee relationship.