

Trump White House Cuts U.S. Environmental Programs Aimed at Preventing Lead Poisoning



Washington, May 31 (RHC)-- In environmental news, the EPA -- the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency -- plans to slash funding to programs aimed at protecting children and pregnant women from exposure to lead -- a neurotoxin known to cause brain damage.

The Washington Post reports the move would eliminate 70 EPA jobs while cutting nearly \$17 million from the programs, which provide public education about the dangers of lead, as well as training to lead remediation workers.

An estimated 38 million U.S. homes contain lead-based paint, with lead poisoning hitting communities of color the hardest.

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