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To: Certified Lead Investigators

From: Lead and Asbestos Field Compliance Unit

## Conducting Clearance in Stages Due to Snow Cover

### Background

[Wisconsin Admin. Code ch. DHS 163](#) provides the protocol for conducting lead clearance. The first required steps are to verify that all work listed on the scope of work, orders, or contract is complete, and that no dust, debris, or residue is present.

### Snow cover

It's not possible to verify that no dust, debris, or residue is present in areas covered by snow.

It is acceptable to postpone this step for snow-covered areas without prior approval from the Department of Health Services (DHS). You must:

- Verify all work is complete.
- Inspect areas **not** covered by snow (for example, clearance of interior work) to verify that no dust, debris, or residue is present.
- Note in your clearance report that you did not complete the visual inspection of the exterior due to snow cover.
- Return to conduct the exterior clearance as soon as the ground is free of snow.

### All other deviations from clearance protocol require prior approval from DHS.

Other situations may warrant a deviation from the required protocol. For example, if a family is relocated during interior work, but must return home during exterior work, or if a replacement component (such as a window) is unexpectedly unavailable, breaking up the planned sequence of the work.

Guidance for seeking DHS approval of an alternative to an administrative requirement (such as clearance protocol) is available in the [2024 Regulatory Update for Lead Investigators](#).

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