



UCCS SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE

35. SAFE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF LEAD-BASED PAINT

(For assistance, please contact [Environmental Health & Safety](#))

[Lead-based paint](#) was commonly used in construction through 1979 when it became regulated as a hazardous material. Chipping and peeling lead-based paint, and the associated dust can be hazardous if ingested or breathed. A suitable control for containment of lead-based paint is simply painting over it with lead-free paint.

Because of the environmental and personnel hazards associated with lead-based paint [Facilities Management](#), in coordination with [EH&S](#), must contract for or conduct any work related to paint removal (which includes renovation), and subsequent disposal of the debris. Suspected lead-based paint must be tested prior to removal. Only a certified contractor may remove verified lead-based paint.

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