

**RECOMMENDATION:** Develop plan and explore efficiency opportunities for consolidating/leveraging of Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) drinking water programs for testing and monitoring and transfer Lead-base Paint Program from DEQ to DHH.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
<p>Develop plan and explore efficiency opportunities for consolidating/leveraging of DHH and DEQ drinking water programs for testing and monitoring and transfer Lead-Base Paint Program from DEQ to DHH.</p>	<p>DHH and DEQ.</p>	<p>Both agencies current monitor and test drinking water. The primary intent of the Lead-Base Paint Program is to protect children from lead exposure risk from improperly conducted lead abatements and oversee abatement activity and monitor improvements. DHH has significant outreach program to address lead poisoning called the Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Program.</p>	<p>DHH and DEQ work together to better allocate resources for drinking water testing and monitoring and recommend legislation as appropriate.  Legislation is need to transfer Lead-Based Paint Program from DEQ to DHH</p>	<p>It would be more efficient if one agency tested and monitored drinking water.  DHH administration the lead-base program since it has awareness of lead-poisoned children. DHH could use Lead fund to establish a position to process training provider, accreditation fees, and contractor letters of approval.</p>	<p>DEQ has begun exploration of opportunities with DHH to consolidate drinking water programs.</p>