

**Virginia Department of Health
Meth Lab Cleanup Guidelines Work Group
DRAFT Meeting Summary
November 19, 2014**

List of Attendees at Central Location

Patrick Bolling-VDH	Jim Bowles-VDH	Dwight Flammia-VDH
Lance Gregory-VDH	Todd Grubbs-VDH	Rebecca LePrell-VDH
Laura Farley – VA Realtors	Vernon Hodge-DHCD	

List of Attendees at Remote Locations

Heather Lyall	Sgt. Chuck Parsons	John Tuttle
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Summary of Previous Meeting

The summary of the previous meeting was reviewed and accepted with no comments or edits. The summary will be posted as final on the Virginia Town Hall.

Review of Assignments/Work Completed

- Review existing guidelines to ensure that recommendations and language are applicable to all buildings, not just residential buildings.

Rebecca LePrell and Dwight Flammia briefly reviewed some language that was added to a draft of edits to the existing guidelines. They reviewed the guidelines expanded the language to specifically include hotels and motels and to clarify that the guidelines are applicable to non-residential structures

After some discussion the consensus was that the current guidelines, as written are sufficient for both residential and commercial structures. There was some question about the applicability to non-habitable structures, such as sheds.

There was some discussion about the need to test rooms in hotels/motels that adjoin contaminated rooms. The consensus was that the need to test adjoining rooms is largely dependent on the HVAC set up of the specific building and should be determined on a case-by-case basis.

A suggestion was made to add a definition of “non-residential” structure.

- Develop testing protocol and recommendations for who can do testing

Sampling protocols/recommendations from Alaska and Minnesota have been shared with the members of the work group. Chad Bowman sent a comment to Jim Bowles stating that he liked the Alaska sampling guidelines, because they are quite detailed. These guidelines

stress third-party final testing but also discuss owner or contractor sampling as a tool for planning and conducting cleanup.

There was some discussion about the cost of third party sampling requirements. Mr. Bowman has recommended specifying the use of an AIHA certified lab. The consensus was that a certified lab should be required, but not the use of a Certified Industrial Hygienist. There are few certified industrial hygienists in rural areas.

A question was raised about whether the state would specify a type of sample kit, discuss specific sampling sites within the building and provide a kit. The legislation does not provide for the provision of sampling kits. The general agreement among those present seemed to be that, because the circumstances of actual or potential contamination are so variable, that listing comprehensive sampling locations is likely not viable. Rather, the goal should be to incorporate recommendations that will provide flexibility depending on the specific situation while providing evidence that cleanup activities meet the recommended post-cleanup level.

There was some discussion about sampling locations (e.g., the ceiling), off-gassing from contaminated surfaces, and the need for air sampling. Sergeant Parsons stated that when entering previously closed lab before cleanup, air testing should be performed and appropriate PPE should be used. The current guidelines need to be reviewed to assure that current recommendations about worker safety are sufficient.

- **Post-remediation Level of Methamphetamine**
There was consensus that we stay with the current recommendation of 1.5 micrograms per 100 square centimeters.
- **Certification Letter/Checklist**
Consensus was that a recommended form for certifying both (1) that the cleanup was done according to guidelines and that (2) that the sampling meets the standard is needed. Rebecca suggested including the highest observed sample level. Because VDH does not have the authority to require submittal of the forms to the agency nor the resources to manage the records, the consensus was that the certification should be provided to the owner of the property.

The cleanup checklist in the existing guidelines is very general. It is not intended to be comprehensive but rather to provide a general overview of what needs to be addressed in the cleanup. The work group did not express any desire to revise that checklist.

New Assignments

- Lance and Rebecca will produce a draft certification letter.
- Jim will contact Chad and work on incorporating sampling protocols into the guidelines.

Next Meeting

- Tentatively set for January 7 at 10:00 a.m. Jim will confirm arrangements and time.