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**NEW SECTIONS:**

WAC 296-857-100, Scope.

- Created this section to explain how the requirements of this chapter apply to employers.

WAC 296-857-200, Basic rules.

- Created this summary page to list all of sections located in WAC 296-857-200 that relate to the basic rules for lead.

WAC 296-857-20010, Cleaning practices.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-20020, Training.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-20030, Hand washing.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-20040, Employee protective measures.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-20050, Exposure evaluations for airborne lead.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-20060, Notification.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-20070, Exposure records.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-300, Medical monitoring.

- Created this summary page to list all of the sections located in WAC 296-857-300 that relate to medical monitoring requirements.

WAC 296-857-30010, Blood testing and medical examinations.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.
- Updated the requirement for providing initial blood testing for employees with more than 30 days of exposure above the action level in any 12 month period. The proposal would

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require an initial blood test for employees who have 1 – 30 days of exposure above the action level. This change would impact general industry employers.

- Updated the requirement to provide blood lead tests for employees every 6 months after the initial blood test. The proposal would require blood lead tests for new employees every 2 months for the first 6 months of exposure when they have more than 30 days of exposure above the action level in any 12-month period. This change would impact general industry employers.

WAC 296-857-30020, Medical removal.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.
- Updated the requirement to remove an employee from exposure above the action level when blood lead level results are confirmed at 60 ug/dl of whole blood or blood lead levels are less than 60 ug/dl of whole blood but the average of 3 consecutive blood test results are greater than 50 ug/dl. The proposal would require medical removal when an employee has a confirmed blood lead level above 50 ug/dl of blood. This change would impact general industry employers.

WAC 296-857-30030, Chelation.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-30040, Medical records.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-400, Exposure control areas.

- Created this section to list all of the sections located in WAC 296-857-400 that relate to exposure control area requirements.

WAC 296-857-40010, Exposure control areas.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-40020, Exposure control plan.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-40030, Exposure controls.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-40040, Showering, changing, and eating facilities.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

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- Updated the requirement to provide showers to for all employees exposed to lead when exposures are reasonably expected to be above the PEL. The proposal explicitly recognizes circumstances where providing showers may be infeasible, based on current enforcement guidance. Clarified the application of current requirements pertaining to the written compliance plan, training, and PPE use in circumstances where showers can't be provided. Basic guidance for evaluating the effectiveness of decontamination procedures was added. Showers protect employees by allowing them to wash off lead that may have settled on skin, clothing, or in their hair. Showers decrease employee exposure to lead and protect others that the employee may come into contact with after leaving the worksite. This change would only impact construction employers.

WAC 296-857-40050, Protective clothing and equipment.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-40060, Respirators.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-500, Essential information.

- Created this section to list all of the sections located in WAC 296-857-500 that relate to the essential information for lead.

WAC 296-857-50010, Health and hazard information about lead.

- Requirements in this section have been rewritten for clarity.

WAC 296-857-600, Definitions.

- This section incorporates the rewritten definitions from WAC 296-155-176, Lead and WAC 296-62-07521, Lead. Additional definitions have been added to this section for clarity.

**REPEALED SECTIONS:**

WAC 296-155-176, Lead.

- Repeal this section.
- Requirements relating to lead have been moved to chapter 295-857 WAC, Lead.

WAC 296-62-07521, Lead.

- Repeal this section.
- Requirements relating to lead have been moved to chapter 295-857 WAC, Lead.