



**THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK**

**ANNUAL SPECIAL INFORMATION MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 19, 2011 6:00 pm City Hall

Presentation by Building Inspector Gary Beck

BACKGROUND

Dust from peeling lead paint is the most common cause of childhood lead poisoning. Many older buildings may have lead paint on walls, windows, doors, and other surfaces. Children living in pre 1978 housing are at the highest risk.

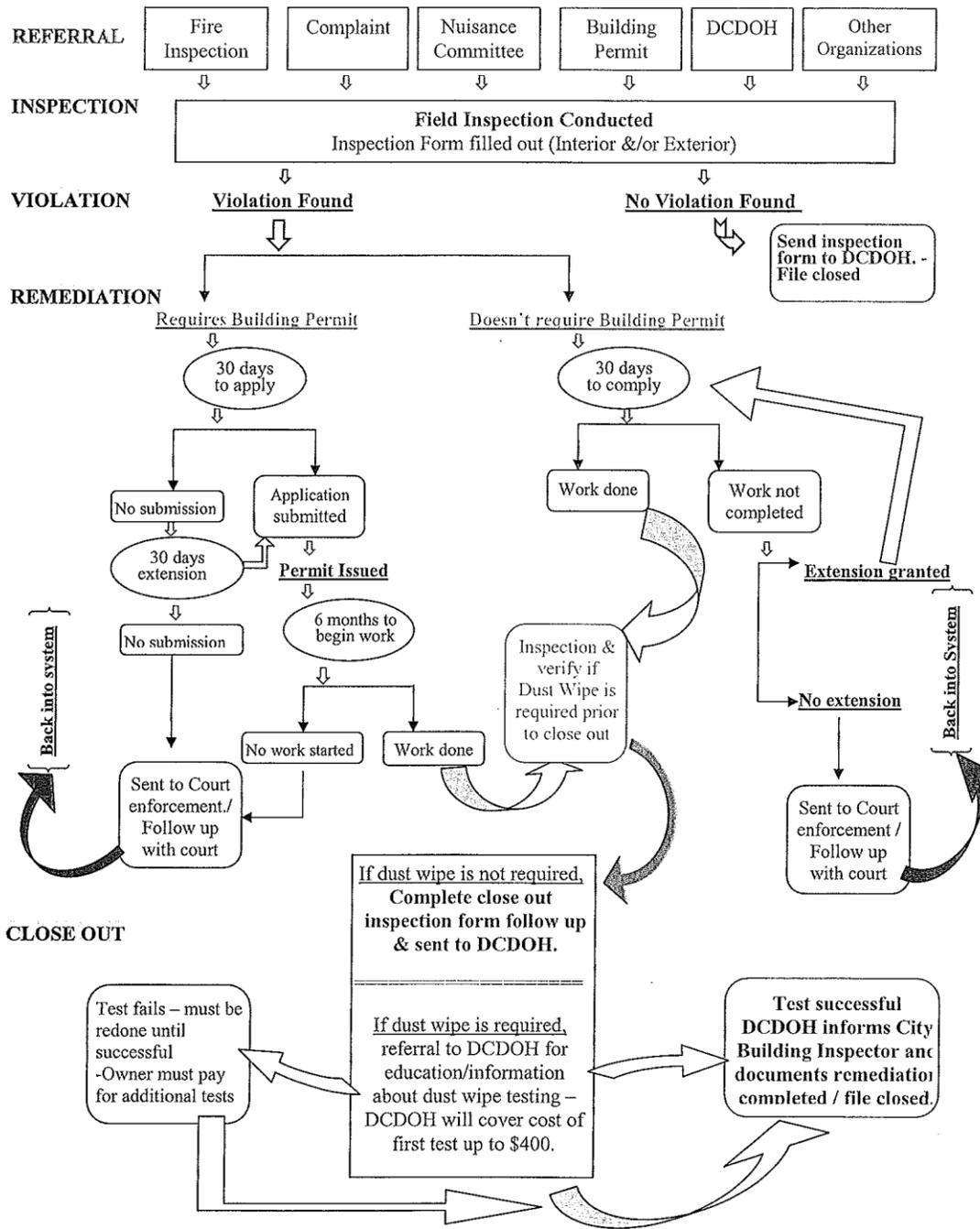
Lead poisoning is serious. Young children are at the highest risk for lead exposure, especially when under the age of six when their nervous systems are still developing. Elevated Blood Levels (EBLLs) as low as 10 micrograms per deciliter (mcg/dL) in children can be associated with decreases in aptitude, adverse behavior, hearing loss, and impaired growth. Early detection through blood lead screening and prompt treatment has virtually eliminated deaths and severe poisonings once common some 30 years ago.

The New York State Department of Health has identified zip code 12601 as a high incidence area, both in Dutchess County and statewide, for annual incidence of EBLLs of 10 micrograms per deciliter mcg/dL or greater among children under age six. The City of Poughkeepsie which constitutes approximately 55% of zip code 12601 is where EBLLs are concentrated.

Close to three quarters of EBLL affected children live in The City of Poughkeepsie. The City of Poughkeepsie differs from the county with regards to housing characteristics. Pre 1970 housing stock constitutes 77% of all housing in the city compared to 59% for the county. Pre 1940 housing constitutes 46% of the city's old housing stock compared to 21% for the county.

Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) serves as the lead agency for the Lead Primary Prevention Program which began in August 2009. The City of Poughkeepsie conducts the housing inspections to identify peeling and chipping paint that could result in potential lead exposure. The Building Department provides and will continue to provide residents of the City of Poughkeepsie lead hazard reduction educational information handouts.

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I hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the of the Informational Meeting on September 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanne L. Flynn
City Chamberlain