



VA WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Information Notice 09-2011

TO: ALL WEATHERIZATION SUBGRANTEES
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SUBJECT: DOE Health & Safety Program Guidance 11-6a

Effective Immediately

Below you will see an excerpt from the DOE Program Guidance on Health & Safety. The things listed below are to be enforced effective immediately per DOE's guidance:

Special Note: While the majority of the WPN 11-6 Guidance allows for flexibility in Grantee policy and application, continuing activities that are expressly restricted in WPN 11-6 must be addressed in the 2011 Grantee's Health and Safety Plans and **enforced immediately**. The restricted use of DOE funds for health and safety activities include:

- Actions that are unreasonable in cost as determined by DOE in accordance with the Grantee's approved Grantee Plan.
- Actions that are either not necessary to effectively perform weatherization work, where the work will be lasting and effective; OR are not necessary as a result of weatherization work so as not to create a health or safety problem for the occupant.
- Activities that are conducted where no efficiency measures are identified for installation.
- Installing health and safety measures that could have otherwise achieved a cost-effective savings-to-investment ratio and been treated as a weatherization efficiency measure.
- Performing work in homes that should have been deferred in accordance with the Grantee Plan.
- Performing work by an untrained worker where a trained professional is required.
- Replacement and installation of appliances other than water heaters.
- Removal of asbestos, unless on small covered surfaces.
- Addressing bacteria and viruses.
- Correction of preexisting code compliance issues other than where weatherization measures are being conducted.
- Conducting mold testing.
- Replacement of operable smoke/CO alarms, unless required by code compliance.
- Window and door replacement, repair, or installation.