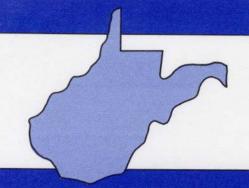
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WV DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES RECEIVES \$100,000

Beckley, W. Va. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall announced to day that the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources received \$100,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

This grant will go toward setting up a certification process for individuals who work with lead-based paints. Once the process is in place, workers will have to be certified to be eligible to work with lead-based paints.

"Certifying these workers is very important," said Rahall.
"Not only for their health but for those who work and live in these areas where lead-based paints are present."