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Informed Consent Statement – Landlords
Rico, Colorado Blood Lead and Environmental Monitoring Study

The residents of Rico, Colorado have been invited to participate in a blood lead and environmental monitoring study that will evaluate lead exposure in the Townsite. The study is being conducted by Integral Consulting Inc. (Integral), an independent scientific consulting firm, in partnership with the Town of Rico, and is funded by Atlantic Richfield.

Introduction

Your tenant has indicated interest in this study, which will examine correlations between blood lead data and possible sources of lead in the community. However, before the sampling can occur, we also need your consent for our researchers to enter your property to collect the environmental samples. This form provides an explanation of the proposed procedures, including the purpose, benefits, risks, and precautions of the study. It also describes the right to withdraw from the study at any time.

Analysis of blood lead samples provides a means of measuring lead exposure; however, it does not indicate the source of exposure nor the potential for health effects. Lead is found naturally in the environment and occasionally in items that people come into contact with (e.g., paint, ceramics). Therefore, measurement of blood lead levels of single individuals is considered a screening to determine whether levels exceed normal ranges. Identifying the possible sources of exposure requires a detailed investigation of one's diet, habits and conditions that might be associated with that exposure.

Purpose of the Study

The objectives of this study are to:

- 1) further characterize current blood lead levels for Rico and collect appropriate environmental samples to identify factors influencing exposures; and
- 2) understand seasonal fluctuations in blood lead levels in order to characterize potential contribution of the soil contact exposure pathway to blood lead levels.

AGREEMENT

Procedures and Risks

If I agree to allow my property to be visited during this study, I am agreeing to:

1. Allow a field researcher to collect samples of house dust and drinking water from the residence located on my property
2. Allow a field researcher to analyze the level of lead in the interior and exterior house paint (there will be no damage whatsoever to my paint from this analysis)
3. Allow a field researcher to analyze the level of lead in yard soils on my property.

Benefits

Two primary benefits arise as a result of my participation in this study. First, my tenant and I will be notified of the environmental sampling results at my property. In addition, my participation will help the researchers better understand the processes by which residents of Rico, Colorado may be exposed to lead.

