

# News Release



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## Lead Abatement Begins For Crystal Cove Historic District Cottages

LAGUNA BEACH – The California Department of Parks and Recreation is beginning the lead abatement phase of the cleanup at the historic district of Crystal Cove State Park, officials announced today. Public access to the beach will not be interrupted.

In this initial cleanup, workers will begin scraping paint off specific sections of the cottages. Testing has demonstrated that some of the existing paint contains small amounts of lead, a known hazardous material.

State law requires that persons performing lead-related work implement safety procedures intended to protect workers and other nearby persons. “The workers doing the job are all certified by the California Department of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA),” said Don Ito, Park Superintendent. “The workers will wear protective clothing and respiratory protection because of their hands-on contact and immediate proximity to the work.”

Ito said that public access to the beach during the process will not be affected. He said that while the work is underway, the affected cottages will be separated from the public areas by warning signs and barrier tape to keep members of the public at least 25 feet away, the distance recommended by state regulators.

In addition to the lead-related project, other work related to the preservation and protection of the existing structures will be performed to prevent deterioration of the historic structures.

***PRESS ADVISORY: Members of the media wishing to observe the operation will have an opportunity on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, from 10 a.m. until noon. Please contact Don Ito, (949) 497-1582, to make arrangements.***

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