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Media Release

Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission Releases New Code of Practice

Yellowknife, NT (November 30, 2016) – The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC) announces the release of our new Code of Practice, *Working with Lead*.

This code provides necessary information about:

- identifying exposure and health effects of lead;
- understanding workplace responsibilities when working with lead;
- identifying and assessing lead hazards;
- conducting worksite reviews;
- developing lead exposure control plans; and
- understanding ways to implement controls to eliminate or limit lead hazards.

The code provides stakeholders a comprehensive resource for understanding how to ensure workplaces remain safe, and how to implement best practices in meeting regulatory requirements concerning lead work.

WSCC's Codes of Practice provide practical guidance to help Northerners meet safety standards required by legislation. This is the 20th Code of Practice produced by WSCC. All WSCC Codes of Practice are available at wscc.nt.ca or wscc.nu.ca.

The WSCC thanks all parties who reviewed this Code of Practice prior to release. Your feedback was essential in helping us deliver this valuable resource to Northerners.

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Together, with our partners, the WSCC provides services to almost 40,000 workers and 4,000 employers across the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. We process over 3,000 claims and conduct over 1,000 inspections annually to ensure the safety of Northern workplaces. The WSCC is unique in Canada as it is the only workers' compensation organization in the country to insure workers across more than one province or territory. We proudly offer services in the official languages of both territories.