



**TO:** Nicole Wyse, Associate Director  
**FROM:** Faris Fakhouri, Chief of Housing Inspections  
**SUBJECT:** 2254 Atkinson Detroit, MI 48206 BSEED Approval to Waive HDC Hearing  
**DATE:** November 9, 2020  
**CC:** Nasr Abdul-Mujeeb, Anna Pinter, Cassie Borders, Tiffany Rakotz

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**Program:** City-Wide Lead Hazard Reduction Grant (FY18)  
**Applicant's Name:** Yacouba Coulibaky  
**Address:** 2254 Atkinson, Detroit, MI. 48206  
**Spec Completed:** March 4, 2020. Revised after Tiffany's review.  
**Inspector:** Nasr Abdul Mujeeb  
**Contractor:** TSS Consultants  
**Recommendation:** Leave the work specifications as they are and receive a waiver from BSEED regarding HDC review/approval

**Case Status:**

The above address was referred to us by the Detroit Health Department in November, 2019, due to the blood lead level of the child in the home. HRD and the Health Department collaborated to qualify this homeowner for the Lead Hazard Reduction Program. I conducted this application appointment myself in November at this residence, and walked the property with Mr. Coulibaky. At that time, he spoke to me about some of the repairs that he conducted himself, and repairs that he hired a company to do. Mr. Coulibaky hired a company to scrape the existing paint off of the windows and restore. After reviewing the windows, I am certain that the company he hired was not certified in lead remediation work, nor restoring windows in historic properties. I noticed that many windows were painted or nailed shut, and have been further damaged by the repair job that was conducted.

In February, 2020, Nasr Abdul-Mujeeb received the EBLI investigation report and completed his draft work specifications. Mr. Mujeeb submitted his draft specifications to Tiffany Rakotz in our Environmental Compliance Division for feedback. After further conversation with Nasr and Tiffany in March, it was decided to keep the scope of work as is, and seek HDC approval with the recommended actions and replacement windows.



Contractor did not complete the HDC application or discuss the work specifications with the HDC in March due to COVID-19. In October of 2020, the Detroit Health Department notified HRD that the child's blood level doubled and was now hospitalized due to her exposure and blood lead test results. According to Michigan law, if a child is hospitalized due to lead poisoning and has to undergo Chelation, the child will not be allowed to re-enter the home until the lead hazards are addressed and the homeowner receives a lead clearance. Upon hearing this news, HRD instructed the contractor with ordering the permit and ordering the replacement windows on a rush order so we can address the lead hazards and get the child back into her home as soon as possible. TSS Consultants ordered the windows, with an expected delivery date of 11/17/2020, but cannot receive the permit to start the work from the HDC.

TSS has provided measurements and design of the new windows to Mr. Mujeeb, Ms. Rakotz, the HDC, and myself. The permit has not been approved and there has been a back and forth with HRD, TSS, and the HDC. Ms. Rakotz set up a meeting with myself, Ryan Shumaker, and Jennifer Ross at the HDC on Friday, November 6, 2020, to discuss this case. Mr. Ross was extremely helpful and provided information to us regarding their process.

Although we discussed the details and urgency of this case, and why we have chosen the remediation options that we did, Ms. Ross stated to us that we would still have to be prepared and present in front of the HDC Committee to present this case and seek their approval for replacing the current windows. It was also made clear to us on the phone that if the committee did not approve our work, which she expressed her opinion that they wouldn't, that the next hearing was not until February, 2021. A second option was to change the line item regarding the windows were to be changed from replace to repair, she would be able to approve same day or on Monday, November 9, 2020.

As a lead professional, and due to the health and safety of the two children in this home, particularly the lead poisoned child that was hospitalized due to the condition of this home and the conditions of the windows in the home, I am recommending that leadership request approval from BSEED to waive the HDC review and approval process, and allow HRD permission with moving forward with this property.

As I stated before, the child was hospitalized in October and has not been in the residence since and she will not be allowed to re-enter until the lead hazards are addressed. We cannot wait on a December hearing, delays through the holiday, and a potential second hearing in February to get our work specifications approved and receive a permit to move forward.

I have attached the addendum Nasr completed to comply with HDC requests regarding siding, and interior/exterior photographs of the windows in their current condition.

Thank you for your consideration and review with this matter.



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