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- In November 2009, WOEMA directed a letter to the Cal-OSHA Director, Len Welch, supporting revision of the Cal-OSHA Lead Standards, based on recent scientific evidence (Environmental Health Perspectives, Vol 115-3 March 2007 and OLPPP Guidance).
- In January 2012, WOEMA directed a Statement to the Cal-OSHA Advisory Committee about revisions to the Lead Standards

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Relevant to today's symposium, the January 2012 statement emphasized the following goals for an improved set of Lead Standards:

- WOEMA would favor a regulatory trigger for blood lead testing ensuring that all workers with potentially significant lead exposure, whether through inhalation or ingestion or both, are enrolled in a medical surveillance program.

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- Frequent blood lead monitoring is essential: at least twice a year for exposed workers, and more frequently for workers whose blood lead levels are above 10 ug/dL.
- WOEMA would favor an improved trigger for preventive practices, including education about lead exposure, hygiene practices, and the provision of protective clothing.

- Required health education for lead-exposed workers should include information about take-home lead exposure, likely to affect children and pregnant women living in a lead worker's household.

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