

## **Attachment 3B: Adult Consent Form**

Flesch-Kincaid Reading level – 7.2

### **Adult Consent Form for Blood and Urine Testing ATSDR Exposure Investigation (EI) Anaconda, Montana II**

#### **Who are we?**

- We are from a federal public health agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

#### **Who are we working with?**

- Region 8 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Anaconda Deer Lodge County (ADLC) Health Department
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (MDPHHS)

#### **Why we are doing this Exposure Investigation (EI)?**

- We are doing this EI to respond to community concerns about lead and arsenic in the environment and to help people find out if they are exposed.
- We are testing lead in blood samples and arsenic in urine samples.

#### **What are we asking you to do?**

- You are invited to have your blood tested for lead, and urine tested for arsenic.
- There is **NO COST** to you for the testing.
- Collect a urine sample at home and bring it to the blood collection location.
- Complete a brief questionnaire with that will ask questions regarding how you may be exposed to lead and arsenic.
- Allow a licensed phlebotomist to take a sample of your blood.

#### **What is included in my participation?**

There are three parts to your participation.

##### **1. Urine Collection and Testing for Arsenic**

- You will bring the first morning urine sample that you collected at home and froze to the blood testing location.
- We will send your urine to a lab to test it for arsenic.
- **The urine will not be tested for drugs, alcohol or HIV.**

##### **2. Answer a Short Questionnaire**

- We will ask you some questions about your home and how you might be exposed to lead and arsenic.
- This should take about 20 minutes.

##### **3. Blood Collection and Testing for Lead**

- We will collect less than 1 teaspoon (3 milliliters) from a vein in your arm.
- This will take 10 minutes or less.
- We will send your blood to a lab to test it for lead.
- **The blood will not be tested for drugs, alcohol or HIV.**

#### **What will happen to any leftover blood or urine after testing is finished?**

- The blood and urine will not be used for anything else.
- The lab will throw out any leftover blood and urine.

#### **When will you get the test results?**

- You will get your test results by mail about 12 weeks after testing.

#### **What are the benefits of being in this EI?**

- You will know the levels of lead in your blood and arsenic in your urine.
- If you are found to have high levels of lead or arsenic, ATSDR and ADLC will recommend that you follow-up with your physician and will provide you with information that will help you reduce contact with lead and arsenic.

#### **What are the risks of this EI?**

- The needle stick might hurt a little.
- Some bruising may happen where the blood is taken.
- You may feel a little lightheaded for a short time.
- If you are pregnant there is no risk to the pregnancy from the blood collection.

#### **How will we protect your privacy?**

- We will protect your privacy as much as the law allows.
  - Montana law requires that we report blood lead levels to the ADLC health department if the result is greater than 5 µg/dL.
  - Montana law requires that information given to the state may be made public if someone asks them for the information but your name and address will not be released.
  - We will share the results with other agencies only with your permission. We will require our government partners to treat your information as private.
- We will give you an identification (ID) number.
  - Your ID number, not your name, will go on the tube of blood and urine sample.
  - We will keep a record, under lock-and-key, of your name, address, and ID number. The information will be used by ATSDR to link the results to each person and send your blood and urine test results to you.
- We will not use your name in any report we write. Only group information that does not include individual names will be reported.

#### **When can you ask questions about the testing?**

- If you have any questions about this testing, you can ask us now.
- If you have questions later, you can call:
  - **Dr. Arthur Wendel at 206-553-0454**
  - **Dr. Matt Karwowski at 404-718-5867**
  - **The Anaconda Exposure Investigation toll free number 888-892-1320**

**Voluntary Consent**

- I agree to be tested.
- I agree to answer questions.
- I was given the chance to ask questions and I feel my questions were answered.
- I know that having the test done is my choice.
- I know that even though I have agreed to this testing, I may leave at any time without penalty.

**Signature**

I give my permission to be tested and agree to answer questions.

**May we share the test results with other federal, state, and local health and environmental agencies?    YES / NO    (please circle one)**

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 Signature of Person Giving Consent                                  Date                                  Age

Address \_\_\_\_\_                                  Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Lab ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Certification of Consent Form Administrator:

I read the consent form to the person named above. He/she had the opportunity to ask questions about the Exposure Investigation and had the questions answered.

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Signature of person administering the consent