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Suggestion:

Since Lead Safe Weatherization and OSHA work safety remains a high stated DOE priority, I think it only fitting we keep tabs on accidents.

DOE funds WAP insurance!

How are we monitoring our expenditure of those funds?

Claims cost US taxpayers money, and we are not doing, or requiring, any claim reducing measures! As a former Equifax Insurance Inspector/Insurance Accident Investigator, we are not doing due diligence in keeping our US taxpayers claims to a minimum.

Measures like, daily common sense safety speeches, requiring safety equipment documentation forms, and WAP vehicle inventory check lists, to verify even the purchase of OSHA proper adjustable ladders. Adjustable ladders are an absolute OSHA necessity to access 8' & 9' attics for our number two utilized weatherization measure, insulation.

I have personally seen in three different states the improper ladders being used on sites. My own states of NV, SD & NE have no program in place, and don't have the staff to guarantee our requirements for OSHA proper equipment.

Sincerely,

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