10A NCAC 41C .0702 is proposed for amendment as follows:

**10A NCAC 41C .0702 REPORTABLE DISEASES, ILLNESSES, AND INJURIES**

(a) The following named diseases, illnesses, and injuries are declared to be dangerous to the public health and shall be reported by a physician within the time period specified after the disease, illness, and injury is diagnosed:

1. asbestosis - **15 working business days**;
2. silicosis - **15 working business days**;
3. elevated blood lead levels for adults aged 18 years of age and above - **15 working business days**;
4. injuries caused by tractors, farm equipment, or farm machinery that occur while working on a farm and require medical care – **15 working business days**;
5. carbon monoxide poisoning - **15 working business days**.

(b) All laboratories providing diagnostic service in North Carolina shall report to the Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch within the Division of Public Health elevated blood lead levels for adults aged 18 years of age and above.

(c) Physicians shall not be required to report elevated blood lead levels for adults aged 18 years of age and above when a laboratory providing diagnostic service in North Carolina reports elevated blood lead levels.

(d) Non-elevated blood lead levels shall be reported in same manner for surveillance purposes.

**History Note:** Authority G.S. 130A-455; 130A-456; 130A-457; 130A-458;