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SENATOR PREISTER:      The grant for the lead-based paint remediation is used on private residences. The money that...and it's separate from the superfund grant. That's another different abatement program for lead contamination in the soil that children are eating and being exposed to in day care centers and homes. That money will be coming in later. We're not seeing that at this time. So they're two separate and distinct programs dealing with two separate lead contamination sources.

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      So in other words, this \$300,000 that we have the intentions of giving, that would be for testing of private...testing and the cleaning up of private residences?

SENATOR PREISTER:      That's part of it. Yes, that's correct.

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      Okay. How is that defined then, as far as to what area you would be utilizing those \$300,000 for? Is that a geographical area of that town, of Omaha?

SENATOR PREISTER:      It's the geographical area, but within that geographical area, all homes aren't affected. So it's within...it's east Omaha where the older housing stock is, where houses were painted years ago, paint layer after paint layer, with lead-based paint that is now outlawed.

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      Okay, thank you on that. I just would also like to mention that...

SENATOR CUDABACK:      One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN:      ...I visited with a health department last evening, and they stated that we had, in our local area we had two children that did come up with...they were tested with high levels of lead. So, you know, it is in other parts of the community, too. So, but I am not going to stop the process. I think this is a good process, but I wanted to get a few of the questions answered so that I can be clear on it as to exactly how it is going to affect individual residents, and thank you.