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Lead poisoning has received national attention following the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. But, as Natalie Maier reports, residents right here in Syracuse have reason to be concerned. (0:09)

(TRACK 1)

Over 90-percent of the houses in the city of Syracuse were built before 1978, when lead paint was still being used. While most local efforts to eliminate lead focus on housing, there are other sources of lead. (0:12)

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<"The other issue, particularly important in Syracuse, because of I-81, is that lead was in gasoline until 1992 so all of the lead exhaust spewed lead all over, so lead is all around us."
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(Track 2)

Jaime {JAY-me} Howley is on the lead task force for Tomorrow's Neighborhood Today - the organization behind Saturday's "Get Lead Out" event. Howley says she is concerned about the lead build-up on local bridges as the I-81 project approaches. When lead deteriorates, it turns to dust in the air. (0:17)

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<"What the eyes can't see, the mind doesn't know. And we can't see that lead is a problem."
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(Track 3)

Gene Cilento, spokesperson for the state department of transportation, says lead paint was used on many of the existing bridges in the city. The state has not addressed how it plans to

approach the lead when renovating I-81.

Natalie Maier, N-C-C News. (0:15)