

The HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes has updated its [website](#) in two ways:

- The Office's [HUD Guidelines](#) page has, based on HUD's acceptance of two new Performance Characteristics Sheets (PCSs) for lead-in-paint testing at the 0.7 and 0.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> action levels, respectively, listed them as shown here (for convenience, the PCSs are attached to this message):

XRF Performance Characteristic Sheets (1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> Action Level except where noted):

- [SciAps Model X-550](#)
  - [SciAps Model X-550 \(0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> Action Level\)](#)
  - [SciAps Model X-550 \(0.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> Action Level\)](#)
- Also, in the Office's [homepage](#)'s Just In box, about halfway down the page, is a new, first, item on the PCSs.  
As you'll read at the bottom of the Just In box, the last item is on the updated Viken Pb200i PCSs, which are for action levels of 0.7 and 0.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. When we posted our Just In link item for those PCSs, we did not highlight that their action levels were below 1.0.  
Because the new SciAps PCSs are for lower action levels, and the new Just In box item is created to announce their acceptance, we are highlighting both instruments in regard to the lower levels, reflective of our need to be neutral among providers of qualified materials, including equipment, such as XRFs with sub-1.0 PCSs. Accordingly, the item reads:

\*NEW\* The SciAps X-550 lead-in-paint XRF analyzer joins the Viken Pb200i in having Performance Characteristic Sheets for 1.0, 0.7, and 0.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

The box's previous most-recent item, highlighting the X-550's use of X-ray tube technology, remains on display, also as a new item because of how recent it is:

\*NEW\* HUD approves lead-in-paint Performance Characteristic Sheet for SciAps' X-550 XRF analyzer, which uses an X-ray tube

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