The Alert contains the following statement regarding surface decontamination on page 17:

"Floor and horizontal surfaces inside the firing range should be cleaned routinely with a detergent or cleanser designed for lead decontamination. EPA studies show that general all-purpose cleaners are adequate for both general cleaning and post-intervention cleaning [EPA 1997, Lewis et al. 2006]."

This statement appears to be contradictory in that the first sentences states "surfaces...should be cleaned routinely with a detergent or cleanser designed for lead decontamination" whereas the second sentence indicates that "EPA studies show that general all-purpose cleaners are adequate for both general cleaning and post-intervention cleaning." Should cleansers be designed for lead decontamination as stated in the first sentence or are general all-purpose cleaners adequate for surface decontamination as stated in the second sentence?

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