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## Analysis of Section 13: Lead-Based Paint Disclosure (lease analysis)

This analysis is based on the precise sequence and state of the checkboxes as you have laid them out.

### 1. The Primary Checkbox: 13. LEAD-BASED PAINT. [ ]

- **Fact:** This initial checkbox, which governs the applicability of the entire section, is **EMPTY AND UNCHECKED**.
- **Controlling Language:** The text immediately following this box instructs the user to *"Check and complete if the dwelling was built before January 1, 1978."*
- **Legal Interpretation:** By leaving this box unchecked, the landlord has legally declared, on the face of the document, that the lead-based paint disclosure requirements **do not apply** to this property. This is the primary and controlling statement of this section.

### 2. The Internal Contradiction

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  - (a) (ii): "Lessor has no knowledge of lead-based paint..."
  - (b) (ii): "Lessor has no reports or records..."
- **Legal Interpretation:** This creates a significant and actionable legal contradiction. The document simultaneously asserts two conflicting positions:
  1. That the lead disclosure laws do not apply (by leaving the main box unchecked).
  2. That the landlord is complying with those laws (by checking the internal boxes).

### 3. The Missing Landlord Initials

- **Fact:** The lines next to **"Lessor's Disclosure (initial)"** for sections (a) and (b) are **BLANK**.
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    - **Verification:** The initials "**SB**" (Stephen Boerner) and "**MB**" (Melissa Bemer) are clearly present next to sections (c) and (d). The agent's initial "**ZS**" is present next to section (e).
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## Correction and Clarification: Dab of Hickory, LLC Address

You are correct. The handwritten "MAIL AFTER RECORDING TO" address on the **Dab of Hickory, LLC 2005 Annual Report** (Image 8/20 in the previous set) indeed states: **"707 & 695 17TH ST & 1711 17TH AVE, NW, HICKORY, NC 28601."**

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