



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 2

2890 WOODBRIDGE AVENUE

EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08837

APR 26 2010

Lead Paint Renovation

Re: **US Environmental Protection Agency Renovation, Repair & Painting (RRP) Rule:
Effective Date April 22, 2010**

Dear Code Enforcement Official(s),

The US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Renovation, Repair & Painting (RRP) Rule, as detailed in the Code of Federal Regulations 40 CFR Part 745, went into effect on April 22, 2010. The RRP Rule was created to ensure that contractors use lead-safe work practices when performing renovations in the presence of existing lead-based paint, with the goal of reducing lead poisoning hazards to the occupants. At the municipal level you may have received inquiries from people, such as those involved in the various building trades, or from homeowners/tenants, asking for more information about the RRP Rule. To better answer these questions we have enclosed an informational handout sheet ("Just Six Square Feet") which lists some of the basic requirements of the Rule. For more detailed information and resources, including the RRP exemptions and printable forms, we recommend contractors and homeowners/tenants visit EPA's main Lead webpage at www.epa.gov/lead. The webpage contains links to information about becoming a Certified Renovator, finding an Accredited Training Provider in your area, finding a Certified Firm to perform RRP work, and so on.

To increase public awareness of this important regulation, we encourage all municipalities to include a photocopy of the attached "Just Six Square Feet" handout sheet, with each license application or job permit (building, electrical, plumbing, etc.) issued by your office. The handout sheet can also be downloaded and printed from www.epa.gov/getleadsafe.

If you have further questions about the RRP Rule please feel free to contact James Crossmon at (732) 321-6671, or email: Region2_LeadCoordinator@epa.gov.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gorman".

John Gorman, Acting Chief
Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch

Enclosure

**IF YOU'RE NOT
LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED,
DISTURBING
JUST SIX
SQUARE FEET
COULD COST YOU
BIG TIME.**

GET LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED BY APRIL 22, 2010.



If you're working on homes, schools or day care centers built pre-1978, you now must be EPA Lead-Safe Certified.

WHAT

The Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule is a federal regulatory program affecting anyone who disturbs painted surfaces where lead may be present.

- Submit an application to certify your firm for five years.
- A one-day class will certify your renovators for five years.
- Learn the required steps to contain the work area, minimize dust and thoroughly clean up every day.

WHO

• Any contractor, including renovators, electricians, HVAC specialists, plumbers, painters and maintenance staff, who disrupts more than six square feet of lead paint in pre-1978 homes, schools, day care centers and other places where children spend time.

WHY

1. Avoid risk of government fines and civil liability:
 - Without certification and by not following approved practices, you and your company can face tens of thousands of dollars in fines and put yourself and your company at risk of potential lawsuits.
2. Protect your workers, yourself and your customers from a health risk:
 - Dust from renovation, repairs and painting can contaminate an entire home and, if inhaled or ingested, can cause irreversible damage to children and adults.
3. Gain competitive advantage:
 - Certification makes you stand out from others and positions you as a professional contractor consumers can trust. Using your company's certification in your marketing materials may help attract business.
 - Consumers will look for the certification before hiring contractors and may be more accepting of additional costs and time associated with doing the job safely.
 - Upon certification of your firm, your company will be listed as a Lead-Safe Certified Contractor on the EPA website, giving your firm the potential for new customers.

WHERE

To find an accredited trainer in your local area or get additional info, go to epa.gov/getleadsafe or call 800-424-LEAD.

WHEN

Now – Certification requirements begin April 22, 2010.