



Fw: DO NOT REPLY: Updated Information for Accredited EPA Lead Training Providers

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THERE ARE A FEW NEW THINGS OF INTEREST. I AM AGAIN TRYING TO GET INTO THE CDX ALSO.

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Dear Accredited EPA Lead Training Provider:

We are pleased that you are part of our extensive nationwide network of accredited training providers helping to prevent childhood lead poisoning. As of the date of this letter, we now have accredited 190 training providers. While we are pleased with this success, we realize that the coming months will be busy for all of us as we work towards training and certifying the renovation industry.

This letter will update you on several new aspects of our program. Please read this carefully as it pertains to your training requirements and opportunities. For those of you who have been accredited for several months or more, this letter repeats some of the information you received previously, but please read it anyway because some of the information is new.

Firm certifications

Firms should apply to EPA today for certification if they haven't already!
Please distribute the firm certification application form via your courses or mailings; they are available on our website at

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/lscp-renovation.htm>

. The fee for renovation firm certification is \$300 and is good for five years. Firms may apply for certification before any of their employees take the renovator training - they do not have to wait.

EPA has received many firm applications where the applicant mistakenly requested a combined certification for performing renovations and abatement. While firms are allowed to apply for this combined certification (at extra cost to the firm), most firms will only need certification for renovations. Please remind your students to be careful when filling out the firm application so they don't make this mistake and pay extra fees when they don't have to.

Pre and Post-course notifications

I want to remind you that you must submit your post-training notifications to EPA. We will use the post-training notifications in compiling a list of certified renovators. Aside from your legal responsibility to submit these notices in a timely manner, your trainees may not be on our list of renovators (to be available on-line soon) unless we receive your notices.

EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) makes it easy to submit lead renovation pre and post training notices electronically. It's fast and it's free. You must register to use the CDX system, to register call the CDX helpline at 1-888-890-1995, and ask for a customer retrieval key.

Outreach - General Consumer
EPA, in coordination with the Ad Council, HUD, and the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning will be launching a National wide television, radio and print campaign. The campaign focus will be towards parents and pregnant women in order to education them on the hazards of lead poisoning. Please visit www.leadfreekids.org on after April 19,

2010 to view campaign materials.

Outreach - Renovator

EPA is also conducting outreach to renovators urging them to get trained. For information on our campaign, please visit www.epa.gov/getleadsafe. As a part of this focused effort, EPA is providing all certified firms a Lead-Safe Certified Logo. Below are a few FAQs regarding the Logo that you may find helpful when offering Lead Renovation training courses.

- Are trainers authorized to use the EPA Lead-Safe Certified Logo?
Accredited training providers may use the logo on their site and marketing materials as long as it is used as a tool to guide renovators through the firm certification process (i.e., explain the difference between firm certification and individual training). Training providers may inform students that only certified firms will be provided a customized logo exclusively for their use to advertise their businesses once their firm has been certified. Training providers may NOT distribute the logo. Upon request, EPA will provide to accredited training provider the logo for their use. Requests can be made to Christina Wadlington at wadlington.christina@epa.gov.

- How does a Firm get their logo?
EPA sends instructions with each firm certification about how the firm may download their customized logo.

Website Update

Contact information for accredited trainers can be found in a search tool on our website (http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp_training.htm). People can search for training providers by city or zip code. We hope that this will assist potential students in locating or arranging accessible courses.

Training course updates

EPA will update model training course

materials, as needed, to ensure the manuals remain up-to-date and accurate. When changes are made, we will replace the applicable files and provide a summary of the changes, in a section labeled "Summary of Updates/Corrections," on the affected training course webpage. Links to the training course webpages can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/training.htm>. You should check our website regularly to see if any changes were made to the courses you are accredited to provide. When significant changes occur, EPA will provide an email notice informing you of changes, and directing you to the website for updated materials.

Availability of EPA post course exam

EPA-developed post-course exams are available for the 4- and 8-hour renovator courses. Exams for the 8-hour Dust Sampling Technician course will be available soon. The exams were developed and validated to ensure their fairness and accuracy. You may either use the exam developed by EPA, or one that you develop. If you are interested in using the EPA exam, training managers should contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD to get a copy. There are multiple versions of each exam; once you've signed up to use the EPA exam, a new exam will be sent to you about every three months.

LeadCheck Test Kits

Presently, the LeadCheck test kit is the only EPA recognized test kit for determining the absence of lead in paint. EPA has stated on its website that this kit can be used to determine that regulated lead-based paint is not present on all surfaces except plaster and drywall. However, the Agency has been informed that the manufacturer's instructions for this kit state that it is possible with a minimum amount of care to accurately test for lead paint on plaster surfaces with the LeadCheck swabs. While the statement that the manufacturer has made may or may not be true for testing for lead in paint, EPA only recognizes

test kits that detect lead at or above our Lead Hazard Standard of 1.0 ug/cm². Please make it clear in your RRP training classes that that EPA does not endorse this kit for use on plaster or drywall.

Status of State authorizations

To date, EPA has authorized North Carolina, Iowa and Wisconsin to administer and enforce their own Lead RRP program. We are actively working with several other states that we expect to seek authorization by the end of this year. For more information on these authorized programs, go to our website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>. To offer training in any non-EPA authorized state, you must check with the state to obtain information on its accreditation process.

Future possible regulatory changes

EPA has agreed, via a settlement agreement, to propose several revisions to the RRP rule, and to begin two rulemakings covering public and commercial buildings.

In the fall, EPA proposed to modify certain aspects of the RRP rule, including:

- removing the "opt out" provision allow which currently allows home owners to opt out of the rule if they occupy the housing to be renovated, no child under 6 or pregnant woman lives there, and no child under 6 is present on a regular basis); and
 - requiring renovation firms to provide owners and occupants with a copy of the recordkeeping checklist that firms are required to prepare and keep to demonstrate compliance with the RRP rule.
- In addition, EPA requested comment on whether the 16-hour lead training requirement for principle instructors should be lowered to 8 hours, and whether the expiration date for renovator certification should be extended to July 1, 2015, for anyone who takes the renovator training before April 22, 2010. EPA will take final action on all of these

changes by April 22, 2010. Until that time, the current rule remains in effect.

We have also agreed to undertake other regulatory actions. These include:

- Proposing (in late April) requirements for quantitative dust wipe testing and achievement of clearance standards after selected activities
- Proposing (in late 2011) requirements for renovations on the exterior of public and commercial buildings, and considering requirements for interiors of public and commercial buildings

These potential future changes do not affect the current rule, which remains in effect. You need not take action at this time. EPA will notify you of any final regulatory action that impacts the RRP regulations.

Consolidated training schedule

The National Center for Healthy Housing posts a calendar of RRP training courses that are available across the country, at <http://www.nchh.org/Training/Calendar.aspx>. EPA links to this calendar from our site, to make it easier for individuals to find training courses. If you would like your courses included on this calendar, you may contact Chris Bloom at the National Center for Healthy Housing (cbloom@nchh.org). Chris may have already contacted you directly. There is no charge to you for posting this information.

If you have any further questions about the RRP rule, you can visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/lead, call the National Lead Information Center (NLIC) at 1(800) 424-LEAD [5323], or contact your EPA Regional contact. Regional contact information can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/leadoff1.htm>.

Sincerely,

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