



Newsletter for RRP Contractors

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The content of this newsletter is for EPA administered jurisdictions only. This includes all but 14 states that operate their own RRP program. See "Authorized State" topic below for information.

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HUD announces revised standards for their grantees

HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) issued guidance on February 17, 2017 setting new dust lead action levels and clearance levels for recipients of their Lead Hazard Control (LHC) grants. The guidance sets action levels of 10 ug/ft² for floors and 100 ug/ft² for windows sills. The same levels will serve as clearance levels on these surfaces. In addition, the guidance sets clearance levels of 100 ug/ft² for window troughs and 40 ug/ft² for porch floors. These levels are effective April 1, 2017. [For more information.](#)

What to do when work practices are not possible

In circumstances where it's not possible for a firm to meet a particular requirement of the RRP Rule, the firm is excused from that requirement. For example, during removal of a floor, covering the floor surface with taped-down plastic sheeting as required would not be possible. In such a situation the firm should identify the impossible work practice and document the specific circumstances surrounding the impossibility. This would not excuse the firm from complying fully with all other requirements of the regulation. Take a look at [FQ 23002-23415](#) for more details.

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Firm re-certification

As discussed previously, firms that disturb painted surfaces in homes and child care facilities built before 1978 are subject to EPA's renovation regulation and likely require firm certification. These firm certifications expire every five years. Firms must apply for recertification to extend their certification an additional 5 years. Firms are encouraged to apply early, at least 90 days before their expiration, to ensure their application is processed before they expire. You won't be penalized for applying early, just be sure to select "re-certification" and your new 5-year certification won't begin until your current certification expires. [Click here](#) for information about applying for re-certification.

Make sure you see important emails from EPA

Much of the correspondence sent by EPA (including final approval packages) are delivered by E-mail from lead.paint@epa.gov. To help ensure the timely receipt of E-mail correspondence, we recommend you add the lead.paint@epa.gov email address to your contacts to ensure it arrives in your inbox rather than a SPAM folder.

Check the status of your firm application and download your certificate online

EPA's E-Enterprise site allows you to check the status of your firm certification application, download a copy of a recently issued certificate or retrieve your customized lead program logo. To access this service go to EPA's [E-Enterprise portal](#), sign-in using your CDX username and password, choose "allow" access, then scroll to the bottom of the page where you'll see your information in the "progress tracker" section. Certificates

and logos are available here for 12 months following issuance. If you need a replacement after that you'll need to submit a [certificate replacement request](#) online.

Renovator refresher training

As mentioned last time, a renovator must take the 4-hour refresher course before the expiration of their current training, or they'll need to retake the 8-hour initial course to be certified again. Renovators must submit a copy of their current training course completion to the trainer to be eligible to take the refresher course.

Renovator refresher training can be done with or without a hands-on component. The version without hands-on training can be done entirely online! Review your options below, and when ready, use our [trainer search tool](#) to find trainers offering the option you're interested in.

	Lecture	Hands-on	Course test	Certification period
With hands-on training	In person	In person	In person	5 years
	Online	In person	In person	5 years
No hands-on training	Online	N/A	Online	3 years***

*** If you choose to recertify via an online course that does not include hands-on training (3-year certification), you must select an option with hands-on training (5-year certification) for your next recertification. The 3-year recertification option (i.e., no hands-on training) cannot be selected for back-to-back trainings.

Authorized states

To date, EPA has authorized 14 states to run their own renovation programs. Renovators and firms that only work within an authorized state(s) must be certified by each authorized state in which they do work, and would not be required to be certified by EPA. The authorized states are [AL](#), [DE](#), [GA](#), [IA](#), [KS](#), [MA](#), [MS](#), [NC](#), [OK](#), [OR](#), [RI](#), [UT](#), [WA](#) and [WI](#).

If an individual renovator is certified by an authorized state they are also qualified to work in EPA administered states, with no additional training. EPA certified renovators wishing to work in an authorized state should contact the state to determine if additional training/certification is necessary. Regardless of whether a firm is certified by an authorized state, if they do work in an EPA administered state they must be certified by EPA. [Click here](#) to see the FQ's related to this topic.

Frequent question database (FQ database)

As you know, EPA maintains a list online of [Frequent Questions](#) regarding the Agency's Lead Program. It is regularly updated to ensure that you have access to the very latest information. When questions come up we recommend you first review the Frequent Questions, then if you cannot find the answer you're looking for call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).