

## Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

**Long-Term Performance Goal Text:** By September 30, 2026, recertify before the expiration date 36% of lead-based paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) firms whose certifications are scheduled to expire compared to the FY 2021 baseline of 32%.

**Corresponding Annual Performance Goal:** Percentage of lead-based paint RRP firms whose certifications are scheduled to expire that are recertified before the expiration date.

**Goal Number/Objective:** Goal 7/Objective 7.1

**NPM Lead:** Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT)

### 1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:

This long-term performance goal (LTPG) tracks the percentage of lead-based paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) firms whose certification expires in a given 30-day period that recertify. Number of recertifications can vary widely from year to year due to external variabilities. There is a large amount of turnover in this marketplace, the Lead RRP certifications are good for five years and in that time some firms decide to continue, while others move on to other types of work and therefore do not need recertification. Those decisions are often based on economic factors like consumer demand for lead-safe certified firms.

Higher numbers for this long-term performance goal reflect interest in the industry for continuing to provide these critical services. Federal law requires all RRP firms working in housing, or facilities where children are routinely present, built before 1978, to be certified. Firms must apply to EPA for RRP certification to perform renovations or dust sampling.

In October 2019, the RRP firm recertification rate was 19%. At that time, OPPT initiated new efforts to encourage expiring firms to get recertified by contacting them both by email and postcards. The efforts have continued for the past two years. In FY 2020, the average recertification rate was 40.2% and in FY 2021 the recertification rate was 35.9%.

FY 2020 marked the tenth year of the RRP program. This is significant because firm certifications last for five years, so many of the program's "early adopters" were due for recertification. This may explain the higher recertification rate in FY 2020. Without significant additional outreach to firms/consumers and/or increased enforcement activity to drive demand for firms to get recertified, achieving the 36% goal in the FY 2022-2026 EPA Strategic Plan will be a significant challenge.

### 1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

#### Renew:

- EPA renewal of an RRP certification requires the firm to submit an application and payment online, the application is reviewed by Existing Chemicals Risk Management Division (ECRMD) staff and once approved the firm is recertified for a period of five years from the date of their previous expiration.

- Firms must apply for a re-certification at least 90 days before the firm's current certification expires.

Expiring: Each firm is issued a certificate that includes the date of issuance and expiration of the firm's certification.

Certified firm: A company, partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship, association, or other business entity that performs lead-based paint renovation, repair and painting activities to which EPA has issued a certificate of approval pursuant to [§ 745.89 \(https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/chapter-l/subchapter-R/part-745/subpart-L/section-745.226#p-745.226\(f\)\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/chapter-l/subchapter-R/part-745/subpart-L/section-745.226#p-745.226(f)).

### **1c. Unit of Measure:**

Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Firm Certification.

### **2a. Data Source:**

- Primary (original) Source(s) of Data and Name(s) of Relevant Information System(s): Data are tracked in the Federal Lead-based Paint Program database.
- Entity That Reports Data to the System: ECRMD prepares and reports the data.
- Frequency and Timing at Which Primary Data are Reported to EPA: Data are reported monthly. EPA/OCSP/OPPT/ECRMD reports progress monthly.
- Smallest Unit for Which Data are Collected: Individual Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Firm Certification.

### **2b. Data Needed for Interpretation of (Calculated) Performance Result:**

- Baseline: A baseline of 32 percent of expiring lead-based paint RRP firm certifications were renewed within 30 days is based on data from the final six months of FY 2021.
- Tracking Progress: Progress toward strategic target is reported monthly, monitored via the associated annual performance goal, and results will be reviewed by senior management on a quarterly basis.
- Universe:
  - Data include RRP firm recertifications from jurisdictions where EPA administers the RRP Program.
  - Data does not include RRP firm recertifications from Tribes or states with authorized programs.

### **3. Calculation Methodology:**

Each month, the total number of expiring RRP firm certifications renewed within 30 days are compared to the total number of expiring certifications to produce a percentage that is reported.

**4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls:**

Data are gathered from the Federal Lead-Based Paint Program database and reviewed for accuracy by ECRMD staff. Results will be reviewed by senior management on a quarterly basis.

**5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:**

This is a long-standing performance measure for which data has been shown to be reliable.

**6. Technical Contact:**

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**7. Certification Statement/Signature:**

**I certify the information in this DQR is complete and accurate.**

**DAA Signature** Original signed by Richard Keigwin    **Date** 5/17/2022