

Lead in Paint, Dust, and Soil

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Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children.

To protect against this risk, on April 22, 2008, EPA issued a [rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices](#) and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under the rule, beginning in April 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

Final Rules and Policy in Effect

Minor Amendments to the Lead RRP Rule. On July 15, 2009, EPA issued a [final rule in the Federal Register announcing two minor revisions](#) to its April 2008 final Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (RRP) Rule relating to requirements for training providers to submit photos of trainees.

EPA is requiring accredited providers of renovator or dust-sampling-technician training to submit to the Agency post-course notifications, including digital photographs of each successful trainee. The post-course notification requirement, designed to supply important information for EPA's compliance monitoring efforts, was inadvertently omitted from the final regulatory text of the final RRP rule, although it was discussed in the preamble of the rule.

EPA is also removing the same requirement -- to submit to the Agency a digital photograph of each successful trainee along with their post-course notifications -- for accredited lead-based paint activities training providers. These are persons who provide training for the following work categories: inspector, risk assessor, project designer, and abatement supervisor and worker training. The requirement for these providers was inadvertently imposed as part of the final RRP rule; however, it is unnecessary because EPA already receives photographs of these individuals through other means.

[Final Rule: Lead, Fees for Accreditation of Training Programs and Certification of Lead-Based Paint Activities and Renovation Contractors.](#)


[Final Rule: Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Program.](#) View the [implementation deadlines](#) associated with the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Program rule.


Proposed Rules and Other Notices






Note: EPA no longer updates the information below, but it may be useful as a reference or resource.

[Proposed Rule: Lead, Fees for Accreditation of Training Programs and Certification of Lead-Based Paint](#)

Activities and Renovation Contractors. 


Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Lead; Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (PDF) (27 pp, 376K) (June 5, 2007) 

Notice of Availability; New Renovation Studies (March 16, 2007) - EPA announced the availability of two new studies in the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program rulemaking docket [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2005-0049]. 

- * Draft Final Report on Characterization of Dust Lead Levels After Renovation, Repair, and Painting Activities (PDF) (127 pp, 1.0MB) 
 - * Appendix A (PDF) (203 pp, 2.2MB) 
 - * Appendices B-H (PDF) (266 pp, 1.1MB) 
 - * Appendices I-O (PDF) (323 pp, 4.7MB) 
- * Lead-Safe Work Practices Survey Project Report, Atrium Environmental Health and Safety Services, LLC, for the National Association of Home Builders, November 2006 (PDF) (210 pp, 1.2MB)* 

(*This report is included in these materials because the subject matter of the report relates to lead-safe work practices. The presence of this report on this page does not constitute or imply endorsement, recommendation, or approval by the United States government. The views and opinions of the report's authors, as expressed therein, do not necessarily state or reflect those of the United States government and may not be used for advertising or product endorsement purposes.)

Proposed Rule: Lead; Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (PDF) (130 pp, 320K) (January 10, 2006). 

Notice of Availability of Supplemental Information: Lead; Renovation, Repair and Painting Program (March 2, 2006) - EPA sought comment on a revised economic analysis. 

Information: Press Releases, Fact Sheets, Q/A's, Etc.


Read EPA's fact sheet on the Lead Fees rule.


Read about lead-hazard information for renovation, repair and painting activities in the EPA lead hazard information pamphlet Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools (PDF) (20 pp, 3.3MB). En Español (PDF) (20 pp, 3.2MB)

Read about lead-safe work practices for contractors in the EPA pamphlet Contractors: Lead Safety During Renovation (PDF) color, in English (2 pp, 826K) | color, en Español (PDF) (2 pp, 334K) | HTML version | Other formats

Read about how to comply with EPA's rule in the EPA Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right (PDF) (34 pp, 2.5MB).


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EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Lead Review Panel will conduct consultations on various technical matters relating to the development of the Renovation, Repair and Painting Program. Additional information and background materials for the consultation process are available. 

Final Report of the Small Business Advocacy Review Panel on EPA's Planned Proposed Rule: Lead-Based Paint; Certification and Training; Renovation and Remodeling Requirements (PDF) (369 pp, 20MB) 

Additional background information on the development of this proposal. EPA has held public meetings to

discuss this rulemaking. Transcripts of these meetings include:

- * [Transcript: December 7, 1998, Public Meeting about the upcoming Lead Renovation and Remodeling rulemaking \(PDF\)](#) (164 pp, 325K) 
- * [Transcript: March 8, 1999, Public Meeting about the upcoming Lead Renovation and Remodeling rulemaking \(PDF\)](#) (292 pp, 373K) 