

Dear Training Provider,

I am writing to remind you about an upcoming opportunity for you to expand your course offerings with new training designed to reduce lead contamination during renovation, repair and painting activities. This training will soon be required for almost 250,000 renovators and other workers. On April 22, 2009, EPA will begin accepting accreditation applications from training providers, such as your firm, to teach these courses under our lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) program. I hope that you will consider becoming accredited as soon as our program opens.

I also want to inform you of recent updates on our website ([www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm#training](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm#training)) designed to aid implementation of the RRP rule and to provide you with important information on how to obtain accreditation. EPA's web page now includes the following updated information:

- 1) Application and instructions, including schedule of fees, for applying to become an accredited training provider.
- 2) Model initial and refresher training courses for renovators.

Trainers who choose to become accredited under this program will be able to provide training to a wide range of contractors under EPA's RRP rule. After April 22, 2010, all renovation, repair, and painting activities subject to the RRP rule must have a renovator assigned to the project that is trained by an accredited training provider. The Agency estimates that approximately 250,000 renovators and 3,000 dust sampling technicians will require training. Within the next year, all of these people must take an accredited training course in order to comply with these new federal requirements.

If you are currently accredited by EPA to teach a Lead-based Paint Activities course, you are already familiar with our procedures and requirements. Training providers must submit an application, fee and meet the requirements for faculty, facilities, equipment, course and test to become accredited. Training providers must re-apply every four years to maintain accreditation. The RRP accreditation will allow training providers to perform trainings in all states, tribes and territories administered by EPA.

The RRP rule may be delegated to any state, tribe or territory. While a number of states and Indian tribal governments have expressed interest in pursuing authorization for the lead RRP program, no states or Indian tribes have yet applied to EPA for authorization. Therefore, EPA will be implementing the RRP program nationwide beginning in April. As state and tribal programs become authorized, the Agency will work closely with accredited training providers and the authorized state or tribe to ensure a smooth transition.

To ensure that we provide you with the most up-to-date information quickly, we invite you to supply or verify a current e-mail address. To supply or update your e-mail information please see <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation-signup.htm>.

If you have any questions about the Renovation, Repair and Painting rule or the accreditation process, you can visit EPA's Web site at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or call the National Lead Information Center (NLIC) at 1(800) 424-LEAD [5323]. We hope to establish a strong nationwide network of accredited training providers beginning in April 2009, and I hope that you will join this effort to both expand your offerings and combat childhood lead poisoning.

Sincerely,

Michelle Price, Chief  
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