

EPA Provides Additional Time to Obtain Training and Certifications to Comply with New Lead Rules

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently issued [enforcement guidance](#) regarding its [Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule](#). Under the rule, 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. The rule was supposed to become effective in April 2010.

In the enforcement guidance, EPA announced additional time to allow contractors to comply with the training requirements of the new rule:

--Until October 1, 2010, EPA will not take enforcement action for violations of the rule's firm certification requirement.

--For violations of the rule's renovation worker certification requirement, EPA will not enforce against individual renovation workers if the person has applied to enroll in, or has enrolled in, by not later than September 30, 2010, a certified renovator class to train contractors in practices necessary for compliance with the rule. Renovators must complete the training by December 31, 2010.

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