

Neighborhood Services Department Housing Rehab Section Contractors

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) **Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule Certification**

On March 31, 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under the rule, **beginning on April 22, 2010**, any contracting firm 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 company must have a certified Renovation Supervisor who may also conduct training for their own company workers. Training for renovation supervisors must be conducted by an EPA accredited training provider. Failure to comply carries a significant penalty.

Since the majority of Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) rehabs occur on properties built prior to 1978, **NSD will require all rehab contractors doing business with the department to hold the required EPA certification.**

The following are some organizations which may offer the EPA RRP training:

Allstate Services Environmental
<http://www.allstate-services.com>

ETC Compliance Solutions
<http://e-t-c.com/lead/>

Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies/University of Nevada – Las Vegas
<http://www.kathy.lauckner@unlv.edu>

Southwest Building Science Training Center – FSL Home Improvements
Southwest Building Science Training Center
3051 S. 45th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85040
602-532-2976 ext. 1

Information about the Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule can be found at EPA's web site: www.epa.gov/lead. In the meantime, we ask that you continue your important role in helping to prevent lead exposure by observing lead-safe work practices at your job sites. Additional information about lead-safe work practices can be found in EPA's pamphlet: *Steps to Lead Safe Renovation, Repair and Painting*, at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/steps.pdf>.

Once a company has a trained supervisor or employee on staff, the company can apply for Firm Certification through the EPA by sending a completed application with payment to the EPA. The application can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf>

Please include a copy of the EPA RRP Firm and Individual Certificate with your contractor application submission.

If you have questions, please call Laura Smith or John Baxter at 602-534-4444.

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