



Newsletter for RRP Contractors

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Use EPA's "Look for the Logo" campaign to promote your business!

As you know, EPA's Renovation Rule requires firms working in older homes and child care facilities to be certified, train their employees, and follow lead-safe work practices. To ensure that your potential customers hire a Lead-Safe Certified firm, help spread the word by using EPA's new outreach materials to remind everyone to "Look for the Logo"! For more information or to download the materials for free, [click here](#).

Help us encourage everyone to "Look for the Logo". Feel free to place the widget on your webpage and highlight the print ad in an upcoming customer newsletter or email.

Re-certification reminder

Just a reminder that renovation firm certifications expire every five years. Be aware of your expiration date and submit your re-certification application at least 90 days before the expiration. This will help ensure your re-certification is complete before your current certification expires. There is no penalty for applying for re-certification early. Your certification will be extended 5 years from the date of the current expiration regardless of how early you apply. [Click here](#) for information about applying for re-certification.

Avoid penalties -- Comply with RRP

On April 17th, EPA and the Department of Justice announced that Lowe's Home Centers, one of the nation's largest home improvement retailers, agreed to implement a comprehensive, corporate-wide compliance program at its over 1,700 stores nationwide to ensure that the contractors it hires to perform work minimize lead dust from home renovation activities, as required by the federal Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule. The company will also pay a \$500,000 civil penalty, which is the largest ever for violations of the RRP Rule. For more information, [click here](#).

Earlier this year, on February 18th, EPA announced additional enforcement actions that will require 35 home renovation contractors and training providers to take additional steps to protect communities by minimizing harmful lead dust from home renovation activities, as required by the EPA's

Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Standards. The enforcement actions, which all require contractors to certify compliance with the RRP standards, led to more than \$274,000 in civil penalties. [Click here](#) for more information about these enforcement actions.

Firm certification

We've heard that some renovation firms have trained employees but don't realize the firm itself must be certified as well. While student training is an important aspect of the regulation, all businesses providing regulated renovation activities must be certified. Firm certification involves the submission of an [application and fee to EPA](#), unless you work only in these states ([AL](#), [DE](#), [GA](#), [IA](#), [KS](#), [MA](#), [MS](#), [NC](#), [OK](#), [OR](#), [RI](#), [UT](#), [WA](#) or [WI](#)). If you work in those states, you'll need to apply to them for certification. We have reached out to our training providers and asked for their help emphasizing this in their course deliveries.

Online training course search tool


The EPA [training search tool](#), allows renovators to search for trainers and upcoming RRP classes scheduled in your area. When looking for training, we recommend looking first for a course that is convenient for you, and if none are available then look for trainers near you to contact about upcoming course deliveries in your area.

Recordkeeping for jobs with multiple contractors

Who's responsible for preparing, retaining and making available the necessary records on a job with a general contractor and subcontractor(s)? The certified renovator, whether assigned by a general contractor or subcontractor, is responsible for preparing the records demonstrating the work was done according to the work practice standards, including the training of non-certified workers.

All of the renovation firms share responsibility for retaining and making available to EPA all required records for 3 years after the renovation is complete. The records may be held by just one of the firms. Firms choosing not to hold copies of the records, must be able to access the records and make them available to EPA in a timely manner. Take a look at [FQ 23002-18287](#) and [FQ 23002-32219](#).

EPA's online firm search tool



EPA maintains an [online search tool](#) for homeowners. They use it to locate certified renovation firms, or verify a firm's certification, for work they are planning. EPA does not charge a fee for firms to be listed on this search tool. The Agency is aware of other websites that provide listing services for a fee, these sites are in no way associated with EPA. EPA recommends carefully reviewing these companies services before signing up.