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EPA Delays Enforcement Measures for Lead Paint RRP Rule, Sets Date for Enforcement

June 21, 2010 - Erlanger, KY; The EPA on Friday June 18th, 2010 announced that it will delay its enforcement of the Lead Paint RRP rule as a result of continued conversations with Home Builders Associations across the country. While this is welcomed news, the EPA took this opportunity to set a deadline for strict enforcement of the rule. "The EPA has a real challenge on its hands to educate contractors about the existence of their rule and the need to receive training for compliance purposes," said Brian Miller, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky. "In the last few months EPA officials had indicated that they were in education and awareness mode and that strict enforcement will come at a later date. It looks as if we now have that date," Miller concluded.

The new announcement gives remodelers until Oct. 1, 2010 to file for firm certification, until Sept. 30 for workers to register and Dec. 31 for workers to take the required training course. The Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky has provided training since early February 2010 for those needing certification. The Association urges those companies in the Greater Cincinnati area to not get caught in the rush to get training. Go to their website at www.homebuildersnky.com to register for the next available training classes. As classes become full the Association will post its next available classes. The Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky estimates that only a few hundred of the over 5,000 local companies that will need training have received that training to date.

What is the Lead RRP Rule?

The EPA has created certain guidelines for handling lead paint in home built prior to 1978. The original deadline for certification was April 22, 2010. Besides specific practices and procedures for handling lead based paint and objects it comes in contact with a large portion of the requirements involve training and certification. Fines for noncompliance can reach up to \$37,500 per violation per day. For more information on EPA's lead policies, view their brochure at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf>

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