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Consumers Urged to ask if Renovator is a Lead Based Paint Certified Renovator

Erlanger, KY - May 21, 2010: Recently the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandated compliance of their Lead Paint, Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) on April 22, 2010. Over 5,000 companies in Greater Cincinnati are affected by this new rule. Only a few hundred have been certified as lead paint certified renovators. "The EPA has not educated the public adequately to ensure that those contractors affected by this rule or consumers are aware of the new mandate. The results of the mandate cost significant amounts of money for every project and will affect the pricing of estimates for renovations," said Brian Miller, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky (HBA).

"Those professionals that have stepped forward to comply with the mandate are being affected further in that they are competing with contractors that have the luxury of lower quotes, due to the fact that they are noncompliant with the EPA mandate. This, in effect punishes those that are trying to play by the rules," Miller concluded. The HBA is offering courses in Lead Paint Certification at its location in Erlanger, Kentucky and will on a regular basis for the foreseeable future. The course is eight hours long. Following the course, certified contractors must send \$300 to the EPA to receive authorization of their certification. A series of steps and well defined practices must be taken to ensure that lead dust is not spread throughout a home built prior to 1978, where children can be expected to be regularly present.

For more information on the new rule and to sign up for classes go to www.homebuildersnky.com.

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