## EPA Enforcement of the Lead Based Paint Regulations

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#### Overview

- Today we will address...
  - Why lead based paint is a hazard
  - The Lead Based Paint Regulations
    - The Renovation Repair and Painting Rule (RRP)
    - The Disclosure Rule (1018)

#### >EPA Enforcement of the Lead Regulations



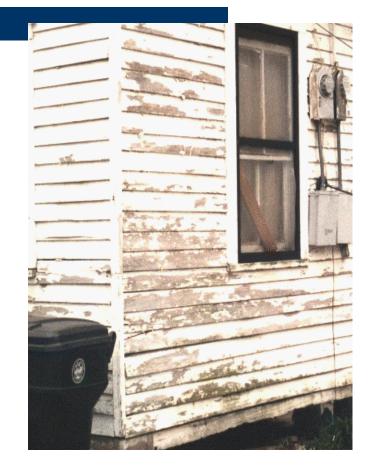
## Lead is a Hazard – Why?

- Affects brain, central nervous system, and many other systems in body.
- Can cause behavioral issues and reduced intelligence.
- Leaded dust is often invisible.
- Exposure occurs through ingestion or inhalation.
- Can cause permanent damage.
- Signs and symptoms often go unnoticed.



## **LBP in Residential Housing**

- Over 60 million homes built before 1978 contain lead-based paint
- Some homes are more prone to LBP hazards
  - Older, pre-1960 units
  - Poor condition
  - Unsafe renovation or maintenance
  - Exterior contaminated soil





#### Why Regulate Lead-Based Paint?



- To reduce lead-based paint hazards
- Lead dust is the most common cause of lead poisoning in children.
- Renovation Repair and Painting Rule
- Disclosure Rule



# The Renovation Repair and Painting Rule (RRP)

## **Rule Scope**

- Definition: Renovation is defined as modification of any existing structure that results in the disturbance of painted surfaces
- Applies to contractors renovating homes, child care facilities, and pre-schools built before 1978
- For Compensation



## How to Comply with the Rule

- Renovation firms must be certified
- Each job must have a certified renovator assigned
- Homeowners receive pamphlet and firms
  document receipt
- Firms follow lead safe work practices and document



#### **Firm Certification**

| United States Environmenta   | ll Protection Agency                      |
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| EAD-SAD This is to certify   | y that                                    |
| CEPTIFIED FREE<br>ABC Painting Compa   | any 75                                    |
| has fulfilled the requirements of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Sec<br>based paint renovation, repair, and painting activities |   |
| In the Jurisdic  | tion of:                                  |
| All EPA Administered States, Tribes  | s, and Territories                        |
| This certification is valid from the date of issuance and expires  | February 4, 2015                          |
| NAT-12345-1  | matule Price                              |
| Certification #  | Michelle Price, Chief                     |
| January 26, 2010<br>Issued On  | Lead, Heavy Metals, and Inorganics Branch |



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#### Sample Recordkeeping Checklist

#### Sample Renovation Recordkeeping Checklist

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| Date an | d Location of Renovation:  |
|---------|--|
| Brief D | escription of Renovation:  |
| Name o  | of Assigned Renovator:   |
| Name(s  | i) of Trained Worker(s), if used:  |
| Name o  | of Dust Sampling Technician,   |
| Inspect | or, or Risk Assessor, if used:   |
| Co      | opies of renovator and dust sampling technician qualifications (training certificates, certifications) on fi   |
| Ce      | rtified renovator provided training to workers on (check all that apply):  |
| -       | Posting warning signs Setting up plastic containment barriers  |
| _       | Maintaining containment Avoiding spread of dust to adjacent areas  |
|         | Waste handling Post-renovation cleaning  |
|         | Test kits used by certified renovator to determine whether lead was present on components affected by renovation (identify kits used and describe sampling locations and results): |
| W       | arning signs posted at entrance to work area.  |
| W       | ork area contained to prevent spread of dust and debris  |
| _       | All objects in the work area removed or covered (interiors)  |
| _       | _HVAC ducts in the work area closed and covered (interiors)  |
| _       | _Windows in the work area closed (interiors)   |
|         | _Windows in and within 20 feet of the work area closed (exteriors)   |
| _       | Doors in the work area closed and sealed (interiors)   |
| _       | _Doors in and within 20 feet of the work area closed and sealed (exteriors)  |
|         | Doors that must be used in the work area covered to allow passage but prevent spread of dust   |
|         | _Floors in the work area covered with taped-down plastic (interiors)   |
| _       | _Ground covered by plastic extending 10 feet from work area—plastic anchored to building and   |
|         | weighed down by heavy objects (exteriors)  |
|         | If necessary, vertical containment installed to prevent migration of dust and debris to adjacent<br>property (exteriors)   |
| Wa      | aste contained on-site and while being transported off-site.   |
| We      | ork site properly cleaned after renovation   |
|         | All chips and debris picked up, protective sheeting misted, folded dirty side inward, and taped for removal  |
| -       | _Work area surfaces and objects cleaned using HEPA vacuum and/or wet cloths or mops (interiors)  |
|         | rtified renovator performed post-renovation cleaning verification (describe results, including the<br>mber of wet and dry cloths used):  |
|         | If dust clearance testing was performed instead, attach a copy of report   |
| 1 c     | ertify under penalty of law that the above information is true and complete.   |
| Name ai | nd title Date  |
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#### **Rule Exceptions**

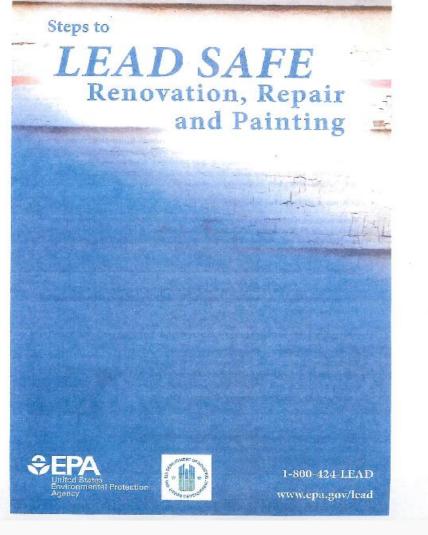
Excludes:

Renovations that affect only components that have been determined to be free of lead-based paint.

Minor repair and maintenance activities that disturb 6 ft<sup>2</sup> or less per interior room or 20 ft<sup>2</sup> or less of exterior surface.

Work done by individuals in housing they own and occupy.





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#### How to Comply With the Rule Work Practice Standards

- Firms performing renovations must ensure that:
  - All individuals performing renovation activities are either <u>certified renovators or have been trained</u> by a certified renovator.
  - A certified renovator is assigned to each renovation
  - All renovations performed by the firm are performed in accordance with the <u>lead-safe work practice standards</u>.
  - The firm supplies <u>lead hazard information pamphlets</u> to owners of the home prior to starting the work.
  - The rule's <u>recordkeeping</u> requirements are met.



#### How to Comply With the Rule Work Practice Standards

- Perform project cleaning verification, and perform or direct workers who perform all other required tasks.
- Provide <u>training</u> to workers on the work practices they will be using in performing their assigned tasks.
- <u>Regularly direct work</u> being performed by other individuals to ensure that the work practices are being followed, including:
  - maintaining the integrity of the containment barriers, and
  - ensuring that dust or debris does not spread beyond the work area.



#### How to Comply With the Rule Work Practice Standards

- Be <u>physically present</u> at the work site:
  - When warning signs are posted.
  - While containment is being established.
  - While the work area cleaning is performed.
- Be <u>available</u>, either on-site or by telephone, at all times that renovations are being conducted.
- When requested, use an <u>EPA-approved test kit</u> to determine if lead-based paint is present.
- Carry copies of their initial <u>course completion certificate</u> and most recent refresher course completion certificate.
- Must prepare <u>required records</u>.



#### How to Comply with the Rule Work Practice Standards

- <u>Post signs</u> defining the work area.
- <u>Isolate the work area</u> so that no visible dust or debris can leave the work area.
- <u>Certain practices are prohibited</u>
  - open-flame burning or torching
  - machines that remove lead-based paint through high speed operation such as sanding, grinding, power planing, needle gun, abrasive blasting, or sandblasting, unless such machines are used with HEPA exhaust control
  - operating a heat gun above 1100 degrees Fahrenheit

#### **Overall view**

#### Up close view











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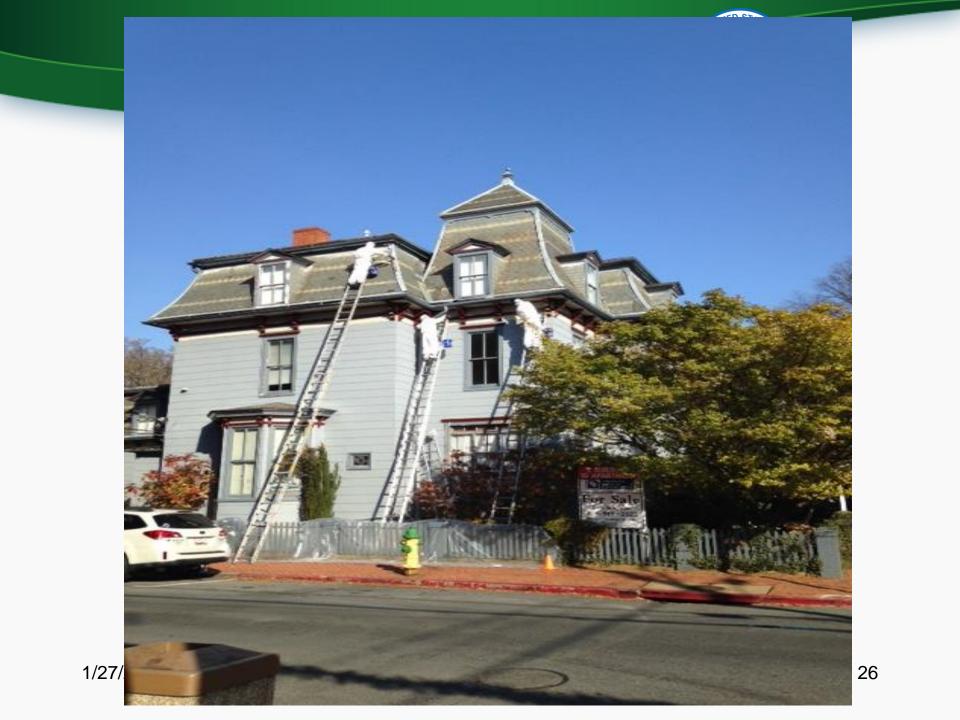
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#### **Overall view**

#### **Close up view**





#### How to Comply with the Rule Work Practice Standards Interior

- Remove or cover all <u>objects</u> in the work area.
- Close and cover all <u>ducts</u> in the work area.
- Close or cover all <u>windows and doors</u> in the work area.
- Cover the <u>floor surface</u> of the work area with plastic sheeting.
  - At least <u>6 feet</u> in all directions.
- Ensure that all personnel, tools, and other items including waste are free of dust and debris when leaving the work area.



#### How to Comply with the Rule Work Practice Standards *Exterior*

- <u>Close all doors and windows</u> within 20 feet of the renovation.
- <u>Cover the ground</u> with plastic sheeting extending out from the edge of the structure a sufficient distance to collect falling paint debris.
  - At least <u>10 feet</u> in all directions.



#### How to Comply with the Rule Work Practice Standards *Waste*

- During renovation, <u>waste must be contained</u> to prevent releases of dust and debris.
- At the end of each work day and at the end of the job, waste must be contained or enclosed to prevent release of dust and debris and prevent access.
- When the firm transports waste, it must be contained to prevent releases of dust and debris.



## How to Comply with the Rule Work Practice Standards

Cleaning

- After the renovation has been completed, the firm must:
  - Pick up all paint chips and debris.
  - Remove all protective sheeting.
  - <u>Dispose of paint chips, debris and sheeting as</u> <u>waste</u>.
  - <u>Clean the work area until no visible dust, debris or</u> residue remains.



#### **Summary of RRP Rule Requirements**



- The firm performing the work must be EPA certified.
- The firm must have a RRP certified renovator.
- The firm must follow lead safe work practices and document that they followed lead safe work practices.



Ensures renovations do not create new lead dust hazards in homes or child-occupied facilities



# The Disclosure Rule (1018)



#### **The Disclosure Rule**



• Regulated Community

-Property managers, real estate agents, landlords, sellers of pre-1978 housing

Requirements

-Provide EPA pamphlet, disclosure form, knowledge of lead to tenants/buyers



## **Disclosure Rule Requirements**

- Provide lead warning statement
- Disclose known information
- Provide available reports
- Provide lead pamphlet
- Inspection opportunity (buyers)
- Retain records 3 years



### **Rule Scope**

 Applies to all housing constructed before 1978

### Exceptions

- Zero-bedroom dwellings
- Housing certified lead-free
- Housing for the elderly/disabled

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#### Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint Hazards

#### Lead Warning Statement

Every purchaser of any interest in residential real property on which a residential dwelling was built prior to 1978 is notified that such property may present exposure to lead from lead-based paint that may place young children at risk of developing lead poisoning. Lead poisoning in young children may produce permanent neurological damage, including learning disabilities, reduced intelligence quotient, behavioral problems, and impaired memory. Lead poisoning also poses a particular risk to pregnant women. The seller of any interest in residential real property is required to provide the buyer with any information on lead-based paint hazards from risk assessments or inspections in the seller's possession and notify the buyer of any known lead-based paint hazards. A risk assessment or inspection for possible lead-based paint hazards is recommended prior to purchase.

#### Seller's Disclosure

(d)

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Agent

(a) Presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards (check (i) or (ii) below):

Known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards are present in the housing (explain).

Seller has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing. (b) Records and reports available to the seller (check (i) or (ii) below):

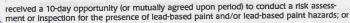
- Seller has provided the purchaser with all available records and reports pertaining to leadbased paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing (list documents below).
- Seller has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

#### Purchaser's Acknowledgment (initial)

Purchaser has received copies of all information listed above. (c)

Date

- Purchaser has received the pamphlet Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home.
- (e) Purchaser has (check (i) or (ii) below):



waived the opportunity to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards.

#### Agent's Acknowledgment (initial)

Agent has informed the seller of the seller's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4852d and is (f) aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.

#### Certification of Accuracy

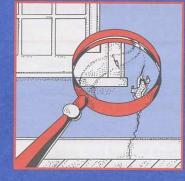
The following parties have reviewed the Information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information they have provided is true and accurate. Date Seller Date Seller 10/2 Date Purchaser Date Purchase 10-Date

Agent

Lead-based Paint Disclosure Form

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EPA Protect Your Family Pamphlet "Blue Book"





Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home





United States Environmental Protection Agency

United States Consumer Product Safety Commission



United States Department of Housing and Urban Development



- Lead Warning Statement must be verbatim needs to be exactly as written in the Code of Federal Regulations
- Different lead warning statement used for lease transactions and sales transactions
- Not required to use EPA's disclosure form but it is recommended
- All elements of the form are required in the sale or lease transaction or as an attachment to be in compliance with the Disclosure Rule



#### Lead Warning Statement for Sales

Every purchaser of any interest in residential real property on which a residential dwelling was built prior to 1978 is notified that such property may present exposure to lead from lead-based paint that may place young children at risk of developing lead poisoning. Lead poisoning in young children may produce permanent neurological damage, including learning disabilities, reduced intelligence quotient, behavioral problems, and impaired memory. Lead poisoning also poses a particular risk to pregnant women. The seller of any interest in residential real property is required to provide the buyer with any information on lead-based paint hazards from risk assessments or inspections in the seller's possession and notify the buyer of any known lead-based paint hazards. A risk assessment or inspection for possible lead-based paint hazards is recommended prior to purchase.



### Seller's Disclosure

- (a)Presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards (check (i) or (ii) below)
  - (i) \_\_\_\_ Known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards are present in the housing (explain)\_\_\_\_\_
  - (ii) \_\_\_\_ Seller has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing
- (b) Records and reports available to the seller (check (i) or (ii) below)
  - (i) \_\_\_\_\_ Seller has provided the purchaser with all available records and reports pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing (list documents) \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - (ii) Seller has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead based paint hazards in the housing



### Purchaser's Acknowledgement

- (c) \_\_\_\_ Purchaser has received copies of all information listed above
- (d) \_\_\_\_ Purchaser has received the pamphlet *Protect Your Family from* Lead in Your Home

#### (e) Purchaser has (check (i) or (ii) below)

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ received a 10 day opportunity (or mutually agreed upon period) to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards; or

(ii) \_\_\_\_ waived the opportunity to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards



### Agent's Acknowledgement

(f) \_\_\_\_\_ Agent has informed the seller of the seller's obligations under 42 USC 4852d and is aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.



### **Certification of Accuracy**

The following parties have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information they have provided is true and accurate.

| Seller    | Date | Seller    | Date |
|-----------|------|-----------|------|
| Purchaser | Date | Purchaser | Date |
| Agent     | Date | Agent     | Date |



#### Lead Warning Statement for Leases

Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not managed properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. Before renting pre-1978 housing, lessors must disclose the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead based paint hazards in the dwelling. Lessees must also receive a federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention.



### Lessor's Disclosure

- (a) Presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards (check(i) or (ii) below)
  - (i) \_\_\_\_ Known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards are present in the housing (explain)\_\_\_\_\_
  - (ii) \_\_\_\_ Lessor has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing
- (b) Records and reports available to the lessor (check (i) or (ii) below)
  - (i) Lessor has provided the lessee with all available records and reports pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing (list documents)
  - (ii) Lessor has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead based paint hazards in the housing



#### Lessee's Acknowledgement

- (c) \_\_\_\_ Lessee has received copies of all information listed above
- (d) \_\_\_\_ Lessee has received the pamphlet *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*



### Agent's Acknowledgement

 (f) \_\_\_\_\_ Agent has informed the lessor of the lessor's obligations under 42 USC 4852d and is aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.



### **Certification of Accuracy**

The following parties have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information they have provided is true and accurate.

| Lessor | Date | Lessor | Date |
|--------|------|--------|------|
| Lessee | Date | Lessee | Date |
| Agent  | Date | Agent  | Date |



- To be fully in compliance with the Disclosure Rule all elements of the Disclosure Form must be present
- Disclosure must be given <u>before</u> the lessor or seller is obligated to the contract
- Especially in sales transactions the seller needs to sign the form before the buyer



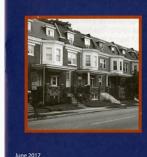
### **Summary of Lead Disclosure Rule**

- Need to properly disclose known lead-based paint
  - Lead Warning Statement
  - Knowledge of lead-based paint in the home
  - Provide pamphlet and document receipt
  - Signatures of all involved
- Need to keep copies of the disclosure form for 3 years

Ensures buyer/tenant are aware of potential or known lead-based paint and/or hazards in the home BEFORE entering an agreement to lease/buy and are given information on how to protect their children from lead in a pre-1978 home.



Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home



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- What is an ERPP?
- Enforcement Response and Penalty Policy
- Developed by EPA HQ and the Regions. Guidance to determine appropriate enforcement response (warning letter, penalty action, referral, criminal) and penalty amount for TSCA lead violations
- Penalty based on several factors
  - ✓ Nature of violation
  - Circumstance of violation
  - Extent of harm resulting from violation



- EPA may <u>suspend</u>, <u>revoke</u>, <u>or modify a firm's certification</u> if firm is found to be in non-compliance.
- Non-compliant contractors may be liable for civil penalties of up to <u>\$41,056 for each violation</u>.
- Contractors who knowingly or willfully violate this regulation may be subject to criminal penalties of up to an <u>additional \$41,056 per violation</u>, <u>or imprisonment</u>, <u>or both</u>.



- EPA conducts inspections and enforcement in all Region 3 states (except for Delaware which is an authorized state implementing and enforcing their own RRP program)
  - Inspections result from:
  - Tips and complaints
  - Random Inspections
  - Inspections selected using permit data, database information, etc.

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To report a complaint contact the lead hotline at: 1-800-424-LEAD or enter a complaint online at : www.epa.gov/tips

Visit our website at: www.epa.gov/lead

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