

Subject Area	Lead Remodeling Rule for Pre-1978 Housing
Formal Name	Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP)
Agency	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Penalties	\$37,500 per day per occurrence

Overview:

The RRP rule affects any remodeling, repair or painting job in pre-1978 housing. The rule requires specific training, extensive lead safe containment and job site practices.

How it affects our industry:

Any remodeler or subcontractor working in housing built before 1978 must comply. Enforcement is done by the EPA; not local code officials. Beginning February 1, 2010 local building code officials are required to confirm that a remodeler pulling a permit is listed on the EPA's website of firms who have completed RRP training and registered with the EPA. Local jurisdictions can add up to \$5 per permit to validate RRP compliance.

Enforcement Date:

April 21, 2010. All contractors must be certified as an RRP Firm with the EPA or for those who are not registered they must be signed up and take an official RRP class before December 31, 2010. All contractors must follow the RRP rules immediately on houses built before 1978.

As of February 1, 2011 local building code officials are required to check EPA's Certified Renovation Firm list to make sure that a remodeler pulling a permit for work in pre-1978 homes is certified to perform Renovation, Repair and Painting work.

Proposed Rule Changes:

The Minnesota Department of Health is currently writing rules that will transfer the federal authority for the RRP rule to the State of Minnesota. BAM and several members serve on the Lead Paint Rule Advisory Committee, which began meeting May of 2010.

Get Trained & Certified

STEP 1: Get trained in Lead-Safe Work Practices by taking the 8-hour class from an EPA accredited training provider. Each company working in houses built prior to 1978 must have at least one certified lead renovator.

Builders Association of Minnesota Local Associations have all been holding and will continue to hold Lead classes into 2011. Check with your local association to see when the next class is being held. www.bamn.org/membership

Or [Find a training provider in your area](#) on the EPA website.

STEP 2: Have your certified employee train your non-certified workers.

STEP 3: Get certified by EPA by submitting an application and \$300 fee to EPA.

[Renovator firm application form and instructions \(PDF\)](#) (9 pp, 590K, [about PDF](#))

- [Example Renovation Firm Application \(PDF\)](#) (2 pp, 56K)
- [Example Combined Abatement and Renovation Firm Application \(PDF\)](#) (2 pp, 57K)
- [Fee information](#)

Once you receive your EPA Lead-Safe Firm Certification in the mail you may, but are not required to, use the official EPA Lead-Safe Firm Certification logo in your e-mail and outreach materials. This is not required. [Lead-Safe Certified Logo Use Guidelines](#)

Where to Report Violations:

Julie Morris at 312-886-0863 or email her at: Morris.Julie@epa.gov

The EPA is pursuing reported contractors ignoring the RPP Rule in an effort to level the playing field so that contractors who are following the rules and are trained on lead-safe practices under the EPA's RRP rule do not lose bids to contractors who are ignoring the rules.

If you want to report a contractor you know is working on pre-1978 housing and is ignoring the EPA's RRP rule call Julie Morris at 312-886-0863 or email her at: Morris.Julie@epa.gov

EPA is following up on every single tip sent in.

The information to have ready when reporting a contractor not following the RRP Rules:

1. Name of company
2. Location of work including address, city and state
3. Any additional information you may have: whether residence is child-occupied and built before 1978.

More RRP Rule Information Available At:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>
[Materials and downloads for firms related to Renovation, Repair, and Painting](#)
[Information on purchasing EPA-recognized lead paint test kits](#)

MN Dept. of Health <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/lead/prof/pre/index.html>

NAHB: <http://www.nahb.org/leadpaint>