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EPA Lead Training **Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting** Certification Deadline April 22, 2010

Dear CCIA Members and Friends:

Are you a landlord? Are you a rehabber? Do you hire contractors? If any of these apply to you, you need to pay close attention to the new EPA rule.

At recent CCIA meetings I have been telling you about the new EPA rule on Lead Safe Renovation, Repair, and Painting. This rule requires most all of your workers and contractors and possibly even you to be "certified" before working on pre-1978 housing. The fines for non-compliance start at \$32,500. This is an awfully big stick – I think you need to pay attention, and make sure your workers do too.

At the meetings I promised you I would send some information about the EPA's new rule. Here is the EPA's webpage pertaining to the new rules:

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/toolkits.htm>. Please note: Wisconsin, Iowa and North Carolina have their own rules – see the EPA site for the appropriate links.

I also told you that we would send some information about when and where certification classes are being held for the EPA rule. We found 2 facilities in our area that are currently running the certification classes. And, we have even negotiated a CCIA discount for you!

Please take action on this quickly. Classes fill up fast, and the Certificate process is expected to take up to 90 days to complete as we get closer to the April deadline.

In addition, in order to increase awareness of this new law, the Illinois Department of Public Health has planned several informational meetings throughout the state for property managers, landlords, contractors, code enforcement personnel, etc. These are not training sessions as required by the EPA for RRP Renovator Certification, but a meeting to explain the requirements of the rule as it may apply to you personally and in your business activities. A list of those dates and locations are provided at the end of this e-mail.

Jane Garvey

CERTIFICATION TRAINING CLASSES

The EPA RRP Rule (*Renovation, Repair and Painting*) requires all contractors that work on pre-1978 housing and disturb more than 6 square feet of paint interior (per room) or 20 square feet of paint exterior or engage in window replacements or door replacements **to be Certified Renovators by April 22, 2010**. This new rule includes but is not limited to renovators, remodelers, plumbers, painters, electricians, window & door contractors, landlords and some building engineers. It also requires individuals conducting lead-based paint activities (abatement, inspection, and risk assessment) in target housing and child-occupied facilities to be trained and certified.

In addition to taking the RRP Certification Class, the EPA requires you to become a "Certified Firm". Even if you are a company of one, you still need a contractor number and are considered a "Firm".

As of 4/22/10, only "Certified Firms" using "Certified Renovators" may work on, or advertise to work on homes and units built prior to 1978.

Application to Become a Certified Firm: Here is the link to the EPA website's downloadable application -- <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf>. The cost for certification is \$300. Note: That is in addition to your training cost. You should apply as soon as possible as they anticipate the waiting time for approval to increase drastically as more people find out about this requirement.

Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting: *This 8-hour course includes 6 hours of book training, checklists, forms and exam followed by 2 hours of hands on training in lead safe work practices.*

Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting Refresher: *This 4-hour refresher course will required every 5 years for recertification.*

Occupational Training & Supply, Inc. -- Training Nationwide

Full Service Environmental Training Company

E-MAIL: info@ots-safety.com

7233 Adams Street, Willowbrook, IL 60527

Contact: Terry O'Niell Phone: 630-655-3900

Website: <http://www.OTS-Safety.com>

8-hour Class -- \$250.00 – required for certification

4-hour Class -- \$160.00 – for recertification only

NOTE: CCIA & IRPOA have secured a special discount for the 8-hour course.

Mention CCIA or IRPOA and you will save \$50 off the 8-hour training. If you organize a group of 25 or more, be sure to ask for their group discount!

Public Health & Safety, Inc. -- Training Nationwide

Two Training Sites Available:

- 1) 37 S. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60607
- 2) Habitat for Humanity, RESTORE, 800 N. State St., Elgin, IL

Contact: Joe Bianco, Joe@rrpreno.com 847.322.7790 cell

Website: <http://www.rrprenovatortraining.com>

8-hour Class -- \$250.00 – required for certification

4-hour Class -- \$125.00 – for recertification only

NOTE: CCIA & IRPOA have secured a special discount for the 8-hour course.

Mention CCIA or IRPOA and you will save \$50 off the 8-hour training. If you organize a group of 15 or more, be sure to ask for their group discount!

As we mentioned earlier, the following meetings are informational only. They do not meet the qualifications for certification. On the other hand, they might be useful for getting some basic awareness, or for any of your workers, contractors, or friends who don't think they need to comply.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Rockford Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 -- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast)
Holiday Inn - Hoffman House , Moritz Banquet Room , 7550 East State St. , Rockford, IL 61108

Lisle Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 -- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast)
Hyatt - Lisle Ballroom, 1400 Corporetum Drive , Lisle, IL 60532

Gurnee Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2010 -- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast)
Vista Hotel & Conference Center, 6161 W. Grand Avenue , Gurnee, IL 60031

Moline Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2010 -- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast)
I-Wireless Center, 1201 River Drive , Moline, IL 61265

Aurora Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 -- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast)
Aurora Holiday Inn, 2424 W. Sullivan Road , Aurora, IL 60506

For more information about the meetings, contact the Illinois Lead Program at 217-782-3517.