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EPA Rule Changes and Proposed Rules Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule

North Carolina's Lead Hazard Management Program for Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (LHMP-RRP) Rule became effective January 1, 2010. In North Carolina, the Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU), certifies firms and renovators who perform renovations in housing and child-occupied facilities built before 1978, and accredits training courses and training providers who wish to teach the required renovator and/or dust sampling technician courses for certification purposes.

Since the North Carolina LHMP-RRP rules adopt the EPA regulations by reference, future regulatory changes to the EPA RRP rules will be applicable to renovation work performed in North Carolina.

1. On Thursday, May 6, 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the "Lead: Amendment to the Opt-Out and Recordkeeping Provisions in the Renovation, Repair and Painting Program." This amendment was posted in the Federal Register / Vol. 75, No. 87, starting on page 24802. To summarize, this change removes the "Opt-Out" provision and adds additional record keeping requirements which becomes effective July 6, 2010. To review this amendment, go to <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>.
2. On Thursday, May 6, 2010, the EPA issued the "Lead; Clearance and Clearance Testing Requirements for the Renovation, Repair and Painting Program: Proposed Rule". The proposed rule was posted in the Federal Register / Vol. 75, No. 87, starting on page 25038. EPA is seeking comments on this proposed rule. If you plan on commenting, please provide your comments in writing to the EPA within sixty days of the posted date. To review this proposed rule, go to <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>.
3. The EPA has recently revised the "2008 Renovate Right" brochure. In an effort to streamline the information to the industry, EPA has provided an advance release so that individuals have the time necessary to print copies. Copies of the new "2010 Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right" brochure can be found on the HHCU's Lead website listed below. The EPA has stated that the "2010 Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right" brochure must be handed out starting July 6, 2010.

The HHCU is providing this information as a service. In the event that information within this document conflicts with published rules or regulations, the published rules and regulations take precedence. Please continue to visit our website at <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead/lhmp.html> for more information.



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