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BIA offers Lead Renovation Training in response to new EPA rule

Professional remodelers should apply now for lead certification, as should other contractors who work in homes that were built before 1978. Time is running short to get the application for firm certification filled out and approved ahead of the **effective date for EPA's Lead Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule on April 22.** The agency has up to 90 days to approve a company certification, and applying today makes it less likely that the form will be delayed by the bottleneck that is expected as many professionals scramble to meet the deadline. In fact, remodeling firms that have already submitted their applications are reporting that EPA is taking as long as two months to approve them. And because of this backlog, "Remodeling firms should start applying for firm certification ASAP, even if no one in the firm has completed the required training yet," says NAHB environmental policy analyst Matt Watkins. Meanwhile, NAHB continues to meet with EPA officials to resolve ongoing concerns about the new rule, including the potential for some contracted remodeling jobs to become do-it-yourself projects where home owners do not take the necessary precautions to avoid lead paint exposure in children. Other major concerns include the fact that, despite the looming deadline, the EPA has not started any outreach, promotion or advertising to let the public know about the new rule. The agency has, however, indicated that it will release a preliminary marketing campaign at the end of February. – *Information from the National Association of Home Builders.*

2 Local Training Dates Available – March 18th & 19th (See attachment for registration information)

Class description: This 8 hour course was developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The class is designed to train contractors who perform building renovations or repairs and, painting and window contractors how to work safely in housing with lead-based paint and comply with EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule and HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule. The course addresses health concerns, regulations, before, during and after work procedures, recordkeeping and training non-certified workers. Courses are approved for purposes of certification under Section 402 of TSCA for the Renovator Initial course. **Fees: \$185/Student – BIA Members** (\$250/Student – Non-members)

The fee includes:

8-hrs of training by an EPA Certified Instructor
Lecture and hands-on components
Student photo for I.D. card
Laminated I.D. card certifying student is work ready

Space is strictly limited!

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