



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 2
2890 WOODBRIDGE AVENUE
EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08837

APR 26 2010

Lead Paint Renovation

**Re: US Environmental Protection Agency Renovation, Repair & Painting (RRP) Rule:
Effective Date April 22, 2010**

Dear Code Enforcement Official(s),

The US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Renovation, Repair & Painting (RRP) Rule, as detailed in the Code of Federal Regulations 40 CFR Part 745, went into effect on April 22, 2010. The RRP Rule was created to ensure that contractors use lead-safe work practices when performing renovations in the presence of existing lead-based paint, with the goal of reducing lead poisoning hazards to the occupants. At the municipal level you may have received inquiries from people, such as those involved in the various building trades, or from homeowners/tenants, asking for more information about the RRP Rule. To better answer these questions we have enclosed an informational handout sheet ("Just Six Square Feet") which lists some of the basic requirements of the Rule. For more detailed information and resources, including the RRP exemptions and printable forms, we recommend contractors and homeowners/tenants visit EPA's main Lead webpage at www.epa.gov/lead. The webpage contains links to information about becoming a Certified Renovator, finding an Accredited Training Provider in your area, finding a Certified Firm to perform RRP work, and so on.

To increase public awareness of this important regulation, we encourage all municipalities to include a photocopy of the attached "Just Six Square Feet" handout sheet, with each license application or job permit (building, electrical, plumbing, etc.) issued by your office. The handout sheet can also be downloaded and printed from www.epa.gov/getleadsafe.

If you have further questions about the RRP Rule please feel free to contact James Crossmon at (732) 321-6671, or email: Region2_LeadCoordinator@epa.gov.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gorman".

John Gorman, Acting Chief
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Enclosure