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Lead Update – NEW: EPA Certified Renovator RRP

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Welcome to the March issue of the School Safety Newsletter. Everyone is familiar with the hazards of lead and understands the need to minimize the exposure to lead – especially to the young. The EPA recently changed its regulations regarding the disturbance of lead based paint. Below we have included some basic information on those changes to keep you up to date. We hope that you find this newsletter useful, and as always, we look forward to providing you with the quality service and information that has made Fuss & O'Neill EnviroScience successful.

Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (RRP) Details

- * A **new EPA** federal regulatory law
 - Affects contractors, property managers and others who disturb lead-based painted surfaces.
 - On **April 22, 2010**, the training, certification, and work practice requirements become effective.
 - Activities subject to the RRP program include
 - Remodeling, Repair, Maintenance, Electrical, Plumbing, Painting, Carpentry, Siding, Window
- * Companies/employees performing this work are required to be **RRP certified** and employees must be trained in lead safe work practices.
- * This requirement applies to renovation, repair, and painting work for compensation or wages in target buildings and **child-occupied facilities**.
 - Target buildings are those constructed prior to 1978.
 - A child-occupied facility is a building or portion of a building **regularly visited by children under 6** years of age.
 - Child-occupied facilities **may include** daycare centers, preschools, and kindergarten classrooms. **Common areas** in these facilities (ex. bathrooms and cafeterias) regularly used by children under 6, are **also included** as part of a child-occupied portion in a building.
- * The new RRP rule also requires that property owners receive certain information before renovation occurs of **six square feet or more** of painted surfaces in a room for **interior projects** or more than **twenty square feet** of painted surfaces for **exterior projects**.

Fuss & O'Neill EnviroScience offers you EPA-required certification training classes for personnel who will be performing renovation work. Compliance with the new RRP Regulations is essential to prevent costly (up to \$32,500) fines and to minimize worker exposure. Upon completion of the training, the participants will have fulfilled the regulatory training obligation and will have the practical knowledge to perform the necessary work safely and legally. Fuss & O'Neill EnviroScience has years of experience working with the lead regulations and how they affect schools and is offering this service to help you maintain or increase your regulatory compliance.

For training course details visit: www.fando.com/News & Resources/Releases/?NID=123

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