



EPA Delays Enforcement of New *Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule*

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced on June 18 that they have decided to delay enforcement of the contractor certification elements of the new *Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting* rule until October 1, 2010 to provide more time for remodelers and other contractors to be trained.

In the revised guidance, the EPA acknowledged that remodelers in many parts of the country have been unable to obtain the training required to comply with the rule.

While remodelers, painters, electricians, HVAC technicians, plumbers, window installers and other contractors must adhere to lead-safe work practices, including use of special equipment filters and a ban on open flames, until October 1 of this year the EPA will *not* take enforcement action against firms that have been unable to obtain certification. Individual contractors must apply to enroll in a training class by September 30 and complete the training by December 31, 2010.

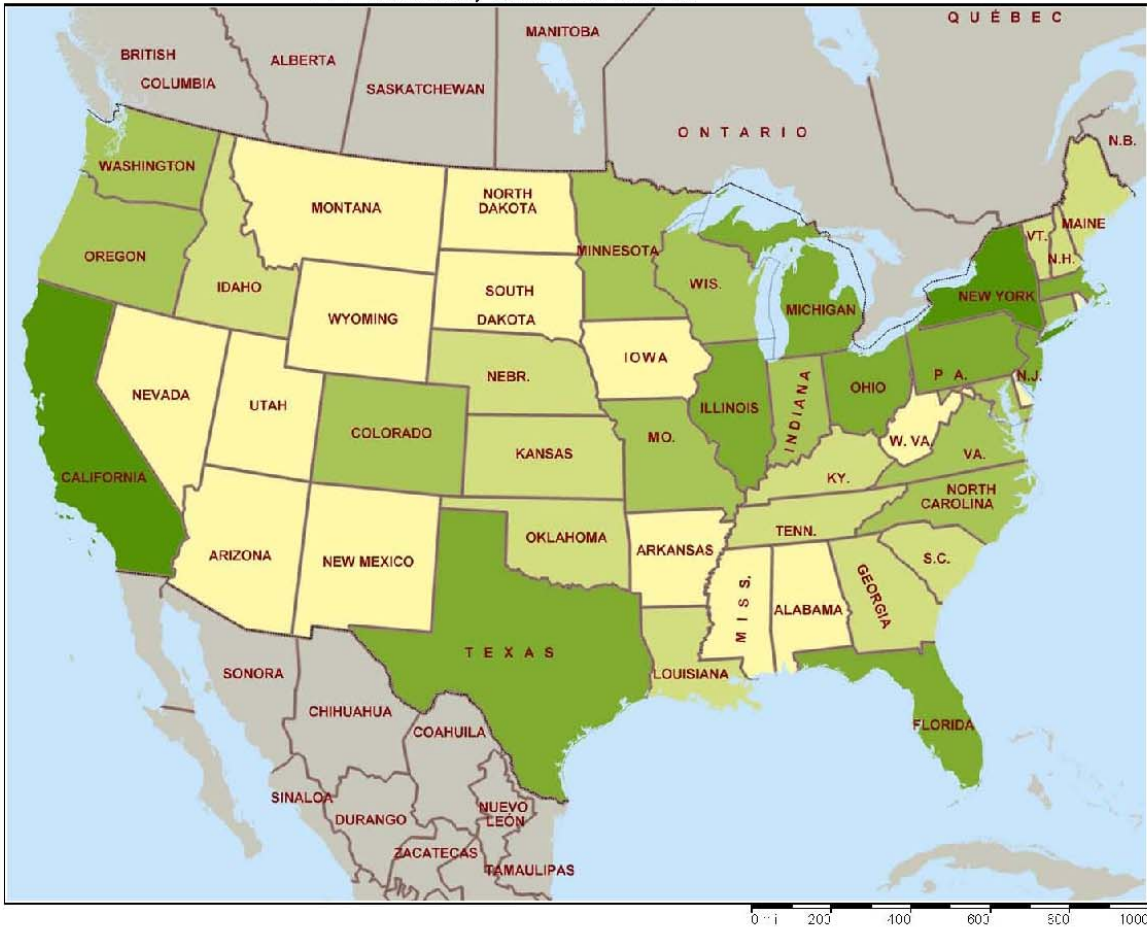
In a statement released on June 21, the EPA said it remains committed to this new rule which helps protect children and their families from the dangers of lead poisoning, noting that the EPA "can and will take enforcement action when contractors violate those work practices."

As of June 14, 2010, the EPA has accredited 247 training providers who have conducted more than 15,000 courses, training an estimated 300,000 people in the construction and remodeling industries to use lead-safe work practices. The following map shows the locations by state where these contractors received their training:

RRP Classes by State as of 6/16/10

RRP Classes from
4/22/09 - 6/16/10 by
State

- 1,201 to 2,000
- 501 to 1,200
- 251 to 500
- 100 to 250
- 1 to 99



Source: EPA

The darker the color, the more contractors who have been trained in these states.

For more information on the EPA *Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting* rule, visit the MSA Safety Works website:
www.msasafetyworks.com/epalead.