

Estimated Timeline for EPA's Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule

On or before Oct. 20, 2009

The EPA issues the first of two proposals to amend the Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting rule. The first, known as the Opt-out Proposal, will no longer allow home owners who do not have children under the age of six to tell their contractors that they don't have to use the required work practices found in the rule. This proposal will also require that renovation firms provide owners and occupants with a post-renovation notification of the work practices used by the renovator as well as any sampling or testing results after the work has been completed.

Oct. 22, 2009

Firms can begin applying for certification (\$300 fee).

On or before April 22, 2010

The EPA finalizes the Opt-Out Proposal. At the same time, EPA will also issue the second proposal, known as the "Clearance Proposal," which would require abatement-type dust-wipe clearance sampling for certain activities, including:

Replacing windows or doors

Using low-heat guns for paint removal

Scraping more than 40 square feet of painted surface

Removing more than 60 square feet of trim, molding or baseboard

The proposal will include an opportunity for remodelers and others to comment on requiring dust-wipe sampling in any and all remodeling activities.

April 22, 2010

Deadline for compliance - No one doing renovation, repair or remodeling for compensation can work in pre-1978 housing without being a certified firm or employing work practices found in 40 CFR 745 Subpart E.

On or before July 15, 2011

EPA finalizes the Clearance Proposal.