



Lead Safe Work Practices For Renovators & Remodelers

The New EPA Rules

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R/R Rule - Opportunity for Reducing Lead Exposures



- Lead is everywhere!
 - Licensed contractors aren't the only ones abating lead hazards.
- Most renovations – no special equipment or advanced training required
 - Awareness training, common sense & thorough clean-up go a long way.
- Continued progress on reducing lead poisoning requires reaching more homes
 - Significant reductions in the # of kids >10 ug/dl
 - 10 is probably too much – kids need safer environments

View from Rhode Island



- Following EPA's lead
 - Reviewing questions from NE states
 - EPA & RI rules not identical, but differences can be negotiated.
- Overwhelming
- Good progress already

Following EPA's Lead



- What are EPA's expectations for implementation?
- CONEST questions:
 - Range from which outreach materials are acceptable to grandfathering contractors' past training
- Delegation
 - Some stringent RI requirements likely to stay
 - Other minor differences subject to negotiation.

Overwhelming



- The final rule: 80 pages!
 - Need time to thoroughly review & revise our existing regulations.
- Every state has questions
 - Reluctant to make regulatory changes until clarifications provided
- Volume could be overwhelming
 - 12,000 registered contractors in RI

Good Progress Already



- New brochures already ordered
- Licensing system is in place
 - Training courses
 - Photo ID
 - Compliance activities
- Thought for the future
 - Healthy Homes Renovator Remodeler –
lead isn't the only hazard!

Summary



- RI Department of Health can help
 - Website: www.health.ri.gov
 - Information line: 800-942-7434
- To build on our past success, we'll follow EPA's lead, and work to keep from being overwhelmed.