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Dear Building Official:

Some people think lead paint poisoning went away years ago. It didn't. Did you know a million kids and countless adults are affected by lead paint every year? In fact, research shows that dust spread during renovations is a key reason. In response, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a new regulation, the Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) rule that will directly impact many of the contractors who apply for construction permits or licenses from your offices.

Beginning April 22, 2010, any contractor — from plumbers to electricians to painters to window replacement experts — who disturbs more than six square feet of lead paint while working on a pre-1978 home, school or day care center, must be Lead-Safe Certified. Those who aren't could face tens of thousands of dollars in fines per violation, per day and potential lawsuits.

We know many of these contractors will be in your offices. Please help us get the word out to them.

Please visit our website <http://www.epa.gov/getleadsafe>. There you will find everything you need to know about this important new rule. You'll also find materials that you can download and print to have in your offices for contractors who want to know more about this important rule, including:

- Print ads in various sizes for your newsletters or printed communications.
- Bill stuffers you may use in upcoming mailings you have planned.
(I am sending you hard copies via regular mail.)
- Flyers with the basic facts about why certification is so important.


Thanks in advance for helping us spread the word. If you have any questions, please call me at (206) 356-2769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria S. R. Tartaglia".

Maria S. R. Tartaglia
Lead Outreach Coordinator

To opt out, please send an email to tartaglia.maria@epa.gov with "Unsubscribe" in the Subject Line.

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**IF YOU'RE NOT
LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED,
DISTURBING
JUST SIX
SQUARE FEET
COULD COST YOU
BIG TIME.**



BECOME LEAD-SAFE CERTIFIED BY APRIL 22, 2010.

Any contractor, from plumbers to electricians to painters, who disturbs lead paint while working in a pre-1978 home, school or day care center, now must be Lead-Safe Certified. If you're not, you can face tens of thousands of dollars in fines. Plus, you put the health of yourself, your workers and your customers at risk, which could result in lawsuits.

Visit epa.gov/getleadsafe to learn about the dangers of lead paint poisoning and the precautions you can take against it. You'll also find an EPA-accredited trainer in your area where you can be certified. One class certifies you for five years. It's that easy.

Sign up at epa.gov/getleadsafe
or call 800-424-LEAD.

