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Home Improvement Contractors Face Fines up to \$37,000 Under New EPA Regulation

IRVINE, CA – Did you know half of Southern California homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint? Home renovations can create hazardous conditions from lead dust and chips when renovations disturb lead-based paint. To reduce childhood lead poisoning and provide safer work environments, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has implemented sweeping regulations that will mandate worker and workplace compliance in buildings subject to renovation or remodeling. Starting April 22 the Lead-Safe Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) program requires contractors and all others who disturb lead paint as part of their work in pre-1978 homes, schools, and other buildings to be EPA-certified.

Fines for violating RRP rule requirements can be steep, up to \$37,500 per incident. To complete the certification process the worker must complete an EPA training course conducted by an EPF-accredited training provider.

The Building Industry Association of Southern California is offering EPA Accredited RRP training classes in various locations throughout Southern California. The 8-hour training course fee is \$195 per person. To find out more about a schedule of classes and to make a reservation, call Philly Pemberton at (949) 553-9500, or visit www.biaoc.com/events.

More details on the RRP rule are available on EPA's Web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>

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