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## New online training course search feature

EPA has updated the [training search tool](#), now in addition to finding trainers, renovators can search for upcoming RRP classes scheduled in their area. They can search by course type, location and/or date. The result is a list of classes being offered and contact information for the trainer delivering the course.

**Important:** This new tool searches only pre-training course notifications, updates, and cancellations provided using the CDX system. If you are not currently using the CDX system, and need help registering or have questions contact the CDX helpdesk at 888-890-1995 for assistance getting started.

## Re-accreditation reminder

It's hard to believe, but it's been nearly 4 years since EPA accredited the first Renovation, Repair and Painting Program trainers, and in that time over 500,000 renovators have been trained. This is an important milestone for trainers in particular, because trainer accreditations expire every four years. Those 500,000 renovators will need refresher training soon, so please check when your accreditation expires and submit your [re-accreditation application](#) at least 180 days before the expiration. This will help ensure you're re-accreditation is complete before your current accreditation expires.

## Firms can apply online

Did you know that firms applying for EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) certification can now complete the application process in minutes online?

The process is simple. Following a brief registration, firms are able to complete both the application and payment online. Firms benefit because application processing times are greatly reduced compared to paper applications.

We'd appreciate your helping us get the word out about this application option for firms. So, please let your students know that firms should follow [this link](#) to apply online.

## New website means new links

EPA's lead website was recently updated. The revised site is designed to simplify access, and enhance important information regarding lead and lead hazards for a variety of audiences. Please be aware that many webpage URL's were changed as a result of this revision. We recommend you check URL's listed in any materials you provide students to ensure they are correct.

## New and revised courses

[RRP program model courses](#) are available online. The Renovator Initial, Renovator Refresher, and Dust Sampling Technician Initial courses were revised in October 2011 and are available in English and Spanish. The English version of the Dust Sampling Technician Refresher course was completed in June of this year, a Spanish version will be added in the near future. The webpage for each course contains a summary of when and what changes have been made, so we recommend trainers periodically check the website for additional course revisions.

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## Frequent question database

EPA maintains an online database of [Frequent Questions](#) and their answers regarding the Agency's Lead Programs. It is constantly being updated, expanded, and refined to ensure that you have access to the very latest information. There is also [printer friendly](#) version available. When questions come up we recommend you first go to the FQ database, then if you can't find the answer you're looking for call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD(5323).

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## RRP contractor fined \$65,450

In July 2013, EPA signed a Consent Agreement for a penalty of \$65,450 with Prudent Technologies, Inc. for violations of the TSCA RRP Rule. Prudent is an EPA contractor which contracted with EPA to scrape and re-paint houses, which contain lead-based paint, on behalf of EPA at the Omaha Lead Superfund site. In September 2011, EPA received a complaint of improper work practices concerning a house Prudent was preparing for painting. Upon inspecting the house, EPA discovered that there were violations of the RRP regulations, including failure to post signs, failure to close doors and windows before beginning the work, failure to lay required amount of plastic on the ground to capture falling paint chips, and failure to clean a work area after completion of the work. At EPA's insistence, Prudent later cleaned up the paint chips from the yard and other parts of the structure. Prudent worked on 475 target houses for EPA during the 12 months prior to EPA's September 2011 inspection. Read [more here](#).