

Supplement - Steps to Lead Safe Renovation, Repair and Painting

Updates to March 2021 version

The following replaces the first paragraph on **page 6**

The RRP rule affects contractors, property managers and others who disturb known or presumed lead-based paint during renovation. The term renovation covers all activities done for compensation that disturb painted surfaces including most repair, remodeling and maintenance activities, such as window replacement, weatherization and demolition. The RRP rule applies to all renovation work performed in residential houses, apartments and child-occupied facilities such as schools and day-care centers built before 1978 where a child under six years of age regularly visits. To assist those affected by the RRP rule, EPA developed the Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right, which provides an overview of the rules requirements. This guide, along with links to other related materials is available on EPA's Web site at <https://www.epa.gov/lead/lead-safety-documents-and-outreach-materials>.

The following information replaces all information on **page 28**

The laboratory will report the amount of lead in the dust. A dust sample at or above the following limits means the area is not safe for reoccupancy:

- Floors: 5 micrograms per square foot
- Window sills: 40 micrograms per square foot
- Window troughs: 100 micrograms per square foot

If the laboratory report shows lead levels at or above these thresholds, the home fails the dust clearance test. The home must be cleaned and retested until compliance with these clearance limits is achieved.

If a homeowner decides they want dust clearance testing performed, it is a good idea to specify in the initial contract, before the start of the job, that a dust clearance test is to be done and who will do the testing, as well as whether re-cleaning will be required based on the results of the test. No one besides the contractor and the person taking the dust samples should enter the work area until the area has passed the dust clearance test.

The following replaces information regarding exceptions on **page 32**

Are there any exceptions? The requirements do not apply to housing designated for elderly or disabled persons, zero-bedroom dwellings (studio apartments, dormitories, etc.) unless a child under six years of age resides or is expected to reside there, housing determined to be free of lead-based paint by a lead-based paint inspection, emergency renovations and repairs, and minor repairs that disturb six square feet or less of paint on interior surfaces or 20 square feet or less of paint on exterior surfaces. The minor repair exemption does not apply to projects involving demolition, window replacement, or involve the use of any of the practices prohibited by the Renovation, Repair and Painting rule.