



## **NLBMDA, Others Urge the U.S. Senate to Help Delay EPA Lead Rule**

The National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association, along with other trade associations and businesses, sent a letter to Sens. Bingaman and Murkowski of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee as well as to Sens. Boxer and Inhofe of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, urging them to contact the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) to delay the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting (LRRP) rule.

Starting on April 22, 2010, renovation work that disturbs more than six square feet on the interior of a home built before 1978 must follow new Lead Safe Work Practices (LSWP) supervised by an EPA certified renovator and performed by an EPA certified renovation firm, as outlined in 40 CFR § 745.85.

Currently, EPA has only 135 accredited trainers and 13,669 certified renovators nationwide, although its own compliance-needs estimates indicate that it needs at least 200,000 or more certified renovators. Obviously, these numbers are far too insufficient for the millions of renovations carried out annually, even without a substantial retrofit incentive program like HOME STAR. With the April 22, 2010 deadline nearing, it is clear that EPA cannot ensure enough certified renovators will be available for compliance with the LRRP.

**Please [click here](#) to view full letter.**

**Please Contact Your U.S. Senators and Urge Them to Delay the EPA Lead Rule by [Clicking Here](#).**

For more information regarding EPA lead rule here are some helpful links:

### **Firm Certification/Renovator Training Information**

Firms/contractors seeking certification please [click here](#) for more information.

Firms/contractors seeking Certified Renovator training please [click here](#) for a list of EPA-approved trainers.

Please [click here](#) to view the full EPA brochure, "*Steps to Lead Safe Renovation, Repair and Painting.*"

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