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## NEW EPA LEAD SAFETY RULE REQUIREMENTS



Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children.

To protect against this risk, on April 22, 2008, EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under the rule, beginning April 22, 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be

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### EPA-approved Training Providers

Individuals can become certified renovators by taking an 8-hour training course from an EPA-approved training provider. For those who have previously completed an eligible renovation training course, you may take the 4-hour refresher course instead.

Training Program	Location	Discipline	Course Type	Exp. Date
<b>Erie County Department of Health</b> 462 Grider St., Building BB Buffalo, New York 14215 716-961-6800 thomas.muscarella@erie.gov	Buffalo	Renovator	Initial Course	3/15/2014
<b>The Safety &amp; Health Training Center</b> 2495 Main St., Suite 118 Buffalo, New York 14214 716-838-6850 rzturpin@roadrunner.com	Buffalo	Renovator	Initial Course Refresher Course	1/20/2014
<b>Environmental Education Associates</b> 346 Austin St. Buffalo, New York 14207 716-833-2929 ajm@environmentaleducation.com	Buffalo Rochester Syracuse	Renovator	Initial Course Refresher Course	5/19/2014
<b>Cornerstone Training Institute</b> 1680 Lyell Ave., Suite 200 Rochester, New York 14606 585-319-3625 dyehl@ctienvironmental.com	Rochester N. Syracuse	Renovator	Initial Course Refresher Course	3/15/2014
<b>CNY Environmental Institute, Inc.</b> 706 North Salina St., Suite 301 Syracuse, New York 13208 315-703-0153 patrick@cnyenv.org	Syracuse	Renovator	Initial Course Refresher Course	7/8/2013
<b>Churchill Environmental Inc.</b> 639 North Salina St. Syracuse, New York 13208 315-428-1959 tom@churchillenvironmental.com	Syracuse	Renovator	Initial Course	2/10/2014

## New EPA Requirements... cont'd from front

certified through EPA-approved training providers (*see front page for a list of such providers*) and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

The rule affects paid renovators who work in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities, including:

- Renovation contractors
- Maintenance workers in multi-family housing
- Painters and other specialty tradespeople

Under the rule, child-occupied facilities are defined as residential, public or commercial buildings where children under age six are present on a regular basis. The requirements apply to renovation, repair or painting activities. The rule does not apply to minor maintenance or repair activities where less than six square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed in a room or where less than 20 square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed on the exterior. Window replacement is not minor maintenance or a repair.

For more information on the requirements, please go to [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

## Education Committee Created for Contractors Trust



At the trustee meeting on June 21, we discussed the idea of holding seminars for our members to help eliminate accidents and reduce the cost of accidents that do happen. We would like to establish an "Education Committee" to help us identify areas our members want more information on.

Some ideas mentioned at the meeting for management included good hiring and WC claims management practices. For field personnel, ideas being considered include ladder safety and OSHA lead-safe rules.

We would like you to volunteer to brainstorm with us at our downtown office. If you are willing to help decide on educational topics, we would be grateful. Please email Kevin ([kgregory@ncacomp.com](mailto:kgregory@ncacomp.com)), Erin ([egregory@ncacomp.com](mailto:egregory@ncacomp.com)) or Steve ([sgidwitz@ncacomp.com](mailto:sgidwitz@ncacomp.com)) with any ideas, or to indicate your willingness to help with the committee.

## Claims Corner

### *New Cost-Saving Regulations Proposed for Workplace Injuries*

On June 30, 2010, the Workers' Compensation Board Published proposed regulations covering the treatment of workplace injuries involving the knee, shoulder, neck and back. These guidelines are an important component of the 2007 workers' compensation reform and set forth recommended standard of care for treatment. They do not authorize certain medical procedures that are ineffective and they place limits on the timing, frequency and use of diagnostic tests, therapeutic treatment, and surgical or medical treatment – which will ultimately be a huge cost savings to all employers.

The regulations are posted on the Board's website for public review at [www.wcb.state.ny.us](http://www.wcb.state.ny.us) and they will be providing web-based training for medical professionals, attorneys, medical office staff, and claims staff and adjusters starting in September 2010.



## Inside NCAComp

### Welcome New Member!

Please welcome the following new member who joined the Contractors Trust this past quarter:

- ▶ **CONTRACTORS:**  
Storers Excavating and Trucking

### *NCAComp Also Welcomes Two New Staff Members*

NCAComp is proud to announce that Tammy Erhardt and Marc Stencel have both joined the company. Tammy, an RN, has been named field-based nurse case manager; while Marc has been named staff accountant.



*Tammy Erhardt, R.N.*

In her capacity, Tammy is responsible for assisting injured workers through treatment and helping them return to work. She works with the NCAComp claims department to coordinate treatment plans and evaluate diagnoses.

She brings 15 years of field-based case management experience to NCAComp, and was previously a co-owner of a Buffalo area case management company. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from D'Youville College in 1986, and also holds a Certificate in Case Management.

In his new role, Marc will be responsible for billing and payments for the Contractors Trust. He is a graduate of the University at Buffalo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, and a concentration in Finance.

If you have any questions about field-based nurse case management, or about billing and payment, please feel free to contact Tammy or Marc by calling 716-842-0045.