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WASHINGTON – Today, EPA announced 17 enforcement actions for violations of the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting rule (RRP).

The RRP rule protects homeowners and tenants from dangerous lead dust that can be left behind after common renovation, repair, and painting work. It requires that contractors and subcontractors be properly trained and certified, and use lead-safe work practices to ensure that lead dust is minimized. Lead exposure can cause a range of health effects, from behavioral problems and learning disabilities to seizures and death, putting young children at the greatest risk because their nervous systems are still developing.

“Using lead-safe work practices is good business and it’s the law,” said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA’s Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. “EPA is taking action to enforce lead rules to protect people from exposure to lead and to ensure a level playing field for contractors that follow the rules.”

The enforcement actions address serious violations of the RRP rule, including fourteen actions where the contractor failed to obtain certification prior to performing or offering to perform renovation activities on pre-1978 homes, where lead is more likely to be present. Other alleged violations included failure to follow the lead-safe work practices, which are critical to reducing exposure to lead-based paint hazards.

The 17 enforcement actions listed below include 14 administrative settlements assessing civil penalties of up to \$23,000. These settlements also required the contractors to certify that they had come into compliance with the requirements of the RRP rule. Additionally, EPA filed three administrative complaints seeking civil penalties of up to the statutory maximum of \$37,500 per violation. As required by the Toxic Substances Control Act, a company or individual’s ability to pay a penalty is evaluated and penalties are adjusted accordingly.

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Enforcement actions:

- Groeller Painting, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri.
- Albracht Permasiding and Window, Co. of Omaha, Nebraska.
- Midwest College Painters, LLC of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.
- ARK Property Investments, LLC of Richmond, Indiana.
- Henderson & Associates Services of Largo, Florida.
- Home Resources Management, LLC of Columbia, Tennessee.
- Camaj Interiors & Exteriors of Jacksonville, Florida.
- Cherokee Home Improvements, LLC of Church Creek, Maryland.
- Window World of Harford located in Belair, Maryland.
- EA Construction and General Contracting of West Chester, Pennsylvania.
- Roman Builders of Morton, Pennsylvania.
- Accolade Construction Group, Inc. of New York, New York.
- PZ Painting of Springfield, New Jersey.
- Creative Renovations of Brooklyn, New York.
- Reeson Construction of Webster, New Hampshire.
- New Hampshire Plate Glass Corporation of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
- CM Rogers Handyman of Manchester, New Hampshire.