SAFETY ALERT

No. 19-03 Notification Requirements for the U.S. EPA Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule December 2019

The Office of Environmental Health & Safety (OEHS) is providing this Safety Alert to advise administrators and individuals overseeing construction or repair projects about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule, specifically notification requirements.

The Basics
- The Rule mandates lead-safe procedures be used when more than 6 square feet of interior lead-based paint (per room), or 20 square feet of exterior lead-based paint will be disturbed in child-occupied facilities built before 1978, and occupied by children younger than 6 years of age. LA Unified maintenance workers and contractors are trained and implement these procedures.
- Parents/guardians and school principals must be notified of such projects, and be provided copies or access to the EPA’s informational pamphlet “The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right” which can be found on the EPA’s website by clicking here.
- Since LA Unified assumes all painted surfaces to be lead-containing, the requirements of the Rule will pertain to all facilities that are occupied by children younger than 6 years of age, regardless of the age of the building.

Procedure for Owner’s Authorized Representatives & Project Managers
- Within 60 days of the project start date, provide the Principal with the Renovate Right pamphlet, and a written general description of the project with projected start and end dates, and area to be impacted. The Owner’s Authorized Representative or Project Manager must inform the principal of the requirement to post this information and the pamphlet in a conspicuous place such as the Main Office.
- Obtain the Principal’s signature documenting receipt of the pamphlet and informational posting. This form must be retained by the contractor or division performing the work for a minimum of 3 years.
- The posting must inform parents and staff how to obtain a copy or access the pamphlet.

This Rule is in place to help protect the health of our youngest students and OEHS appreciates your support in ensuring a safe learning environment. If you have any questions, please contact us at (213) 241-3199.

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