

ODH official explains new USEPA lead paint regulations

All remodelers must be certified in lead paint practices by April 2010

About 18 months from now new federal regulations will require remodelers to be certified in lead paint removal or it will be essentially illegal for them to work in homes and certain other buildings constructed before 1978. The process of preparing for the April 2010 deadline will begin early next year, so now is the time for contractors to learn the requirements of the regulations and get the details of the certification process.

This was the topic of discussion for guest speaker David E. Holston, chief of the Environmental Abatement Section of the Bureau of Diagnostic Safety & Personnel Certification in the Division of Quality Assurance at the Ohio Department of Health at the September meeting of Ohio Valley NARI.

USEPA issued the rule requiring the use of



David E. Holston, from the Ohio Department of Health, attended the September OVNARI meeting to brief members on the lead paint regulations that will become effective in April 2010.

lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning on March 31. Under the rule, beginning in April 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 certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. No certification on April 22, 2010; no work in any home more than 32 years old. It's pretty much that simple.

Among the interesting facts reported by Holston is that Ohio ranks fifth in the nation in housing units with lead paint, and has the

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November Meeting

What: Dinner Meeting

Program: Guest Experts

Speakers: Insurance, law, accounting & workers comp experts

When: Thursday, November 13

Where: Holiday Inn I-275 North
Hauck Road at I-275 Exit 46

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 for NARI members

RSVP: Ohio Valley NARI at 800-498-6274

Contractor of the Year Awards entry deadline is coming soon

The deadline for entries in the 2009 Ohio Valley NARI Contractor of the Year awards competition is rapidly approaching. Entries must reach the NARI office by the end of the business day on Monday, November 3. Entries in the national awards program must reach the national NARI office in Des Plaines, Illinois, by 5:00 pm, central time, Monday, December 1.

National award entries must be submitted in binders supplied by the national office. The absolute deadline for ordering the binders is November 26, but since entries are due just three business days later prudence dictates not pushing this deadline! Local CotY entries may be submitted in any appropriate binder.

NARI's local and national CotY Awards are an opportunity for members to be recognized for their outstanding work. The entry process is designed to make participation easy, to avoid photo copyright issues (the legal stuff), and to be fair to all who enter.

Each year dozens of CotY entrants are penalized or disqualified because they did not follow the CotY Rules & Guidelines. To increase your chances of winning, take a few extra minutes to review your entry before sending it in!

The national office has compiled a Top Ten list of problems found with CotY entries. Similar problems are also found in local entries.

10. Contract amount not provided, on either the entry form, or the first page of the entry. This needs to appear in both places.

9. No "before" photos provided. Judges cannot see a transformation if they don't have a photo of how the space looked prior to the remodel.

8. Project was finished prior to July 1 2007. Projects need to have been completed sometime between July 1, 2007, and November 30, 2008.

7. Page limit exceeded. Entries are presented in plastic sleeves that are provided in the binder we send you. The limit is 15 pages, double sided, or 30 pages, single sided. See page 8 of the rules for provisions for including your drawings/blueprints.

6. Entry received after the published deadline deadline.

5. Project, or portions of project, entered in another category.

4. Front cover of the binder was changed. All entries need to look the same from the outside. Please don't replace the CotY binder cover with your own. (This applies only to national entries.)

3. Project completion date is missing. There is a place for this information on the entry form, and it needs to be validated by the homeowner via their signature.

2. Second set of photos not provided. We need these photos for our archives, for the media, and to display your winning entry. The best way to provide these is on CD in high resolution (at least 300 dpi). Provide as many photos as possible on this CD.

And the number 1 reason for disqualification or point reduction of your CotY entry. . .

1. Missing Signatures. The homeowner must sign the Proof of Time/Affidavit portion of the entry form, the contractor must also sign this form (two places), and the contractor's signature must be notarized. The photographer's release must be signed by whomever has the rights/took the photos, and this form must be witnessed.



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second-highest percentage of children under six years old with elevated blood lead.

On April 22, 2010:

- All training providers must be accredited
- All renovation firms must be certified
- Individual remodelers and dust sampling technicians must be certified
- All remodeling workers must be trained
- Specified safe work practices must be followed.

To be a Certified Renovator a person must complete a training course offered by an EPA-accredited training provider. Within three years of initial certification a refresher course must be completed to retain certification.

Work requirements specified in the regulations include removing or covering all objects in the work area, closing and covering all ducts in the work area, covering the floor of the work area with plastic, ensuring that all tools are dust free when leaving the work area, and certifying cleaning when work is completed.

There's plenty of time for remodelers to comply with the new regulations. Don't wait until March 2010 to get started.

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Experts in insurance, accounting, law and workers comp to visit

On November 13 four outside experts in matters of importance to remodelers and suppliers too, will join us at the Holiday Inn I-275 North for roundtable discussions of their areas of expertise.

The guest experts will include an accountant, an attorney, a business insurance professional, and a representative from Frank Gates Service Company, who will discuss worker's compensation group rating programs. Each guest will make a brief presentation introducing his or her area of expertise, then they will move to separate tables for interactive discussion and questions and answers.

A similar format meeting several years ago attracted a good crowd and was very popular with everyone who attended. This is an OVNARI meeting you won't want to miss.

The meeting will be at 6:30 pm, on Thursday, November 13, at the Holiday Inn I-275 North, Hauck Road at I-275 Exit 46.

The mission of Ohio Valley NARI is:

- ✓ To establish and maintain the association's firm commitment to developing and sustaining programs that expand and unite the remodeling industry as well as to ensure the industry's growth and security.
- ✓ To encourage ethical conduct, sound business practices, and professionalism in the remodeling industry.
- ✓ To present NARI as the recognized authority in the remodeling industry.

These missions are carried out by:

- ✓ Promoting the common business interests of those engaged in the industry.
- ✓ Sponsoring educational programs and activities for members.
- ✓ Enlightening consumers to the needs and advantages of home remodeling and maintenance, thereby improving the nation's housing inventory.
- ✓ Recommending legislative and regulatory action that safeguards and preserves the remodeling industry, and stimulates the marketplace.

Goals of chapter to accomplish mission:

- ✓ To provide education to enhance professional and personal competencies.
- ✓ To create and encourage networking.
- ✓ To develop and promote the profession.
- ✓ To serve as a resource center.
- ✓ To provide quality publications to members.
- ✓ To improve membership and membership participation.
- ✓ To improve consumer awareness.
- ✓ To remain proactive on current and pending legislation.



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Ohio Valley NARI plans to offer CKBR preparation class early in 2009

Ohio Valley NARI plan to offer a Certified Kitchen & Bath Remodeler preparation class starting early next year. A number of people have already expressed interest in participating in this program, and now it's time to put together a list of definite class members.

Only full-time, professional workers in the remodeling industry are eligible for NARI certification, a challenging process, requiring extensive knowledge of the remodeling industry and a commitment to professional conduct.

The preparation class will meet for approximately three hours weekly for 10 weeks at a location in the northcentral part of town.

Successful certification candidates must:

Receive an acceptable review by the NARI Certification Board by providing an outline detailing their experience, industry training, involvement in continuing education, technical skills, practices in business management, as well as association and community service.

Commit to intensive study on a broad range of home improvement industry issues. Most certification candidates participate in a formal study group and spend eight to twelve weeks studying in preparation for a one day written exam.

Successfully complete a comprehensive written examination covering critical subject areas such as sound business management practices,

knowledge of building codes and construction law, plans and specification, proper and safe use of tools and equipment, safety, standards of practice, math, and several special skill areas.

The NARI certification process doesn't end when a candidate passes the examination. Once awarded their certification, NARI certified remodeling professionals must meet annual recertification requirements involving continuing education and participation in industry related programs.

The cost of CKBR certification is \$750, payable at the time of application. If you are interested in participating contact the NARI office.



Coming Events

November Meeting

6:30 pm, Thursday, November 13

Holiday Inn I-275 North

Hauck Road

"Business Services Round Tables"

Evening of Excellence Dinner

6:30 pm, Thursday, December 11

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