

How the recent EPA announcement regarding a delay in enforcing Lead Paint Rules affects Iowa builders, renovators & remodelers:

From Flora Schmidt, Executive Officer, Home Builders Association of Iowa:

At the HBA IA board of directors meeting held on Tues. 6.22.10, I discussed the recently announced EPA delay in enforcement of the Lead Paint Rules, but indicated that this may not directly impact Iowa as we are our own certified state.

In essence, the new EPA rule will NOT impact Iowa - mainly because the IDPH is not currently enforcing the certification & inspections - BUT all renovators are still expected to COMPLY with the work practices.

Below is the response I received from the Iowa Dept. of Public Health regarding the EPA delay.

From Joelle Stolte, Iowa Department of Public Health Lead Bureau

Hello

Actually this doesn't change anything for us. Because it is referring to the enforcement dates, IDPH already had planned and have been stating that we are not enforcing at the moment.

In fact we are currently stating that there is a "window of compliance assistance" for approximately 6 months to a year currently in place. Which means we will still do audits, still expect people to get in a class as soon as possible, and get certified as soon as possible, but if someone is not certified and is found doing work we will not penalize but give them a date where we will follow up with them to see if they have gotten certified.

The only exception is that if a renovator has done deliberate negligent work and has poisoned a family- then there might be some penalties.

Joelle