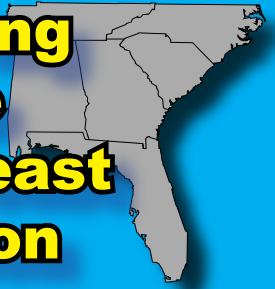


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U.S. Senate Votes to Delay Lead Paint Regulation

The Environmental Protection Agency's "Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting" (Lead RRP) rule went into effect on April 22, 2010. The rule is designed to help reduce lead exposure from dust caused by renovations. Unfortunately, the implementation of the rule has caused a lot of confusion from constituents - including homeowners, landlords, renovators, contractors - and the nation.



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The new rule applies to renovations in homes built before 1978 and that disturb more than six square feet of paint. According to the rule these renovations must be supervised by a certified renovator and conducted by a certified renovation firm. In order to become certified, contractors must submit an application - with a fee - to EPA, and complete a training course for instruction on lead-safe work practices.

However, as of April 22, 2010, EPA reports that it has accredited only 204 training providers nationwide, which falls far short of what is sufficient to meet high demand for such providers.

It is a concern that, without quick access to accurate information and training, renovators will be unable to properly do their jobs and citizens will not receive the health benefits of this rule.

The U.S. Senate voted May 27 to delay the implementation of an Environmental Protection Agency regulation on lead paint, in order to provide contractors with more time to receive mandated training.

The vote was for an amendment to a supplemental spending bill, which now must be reconciled with a similar bill passed by the House of Representatives.

If the amendment survives the reconciliation process, the bill would then go to the White House. It could be vetoed by the President, but it is unclear whether he would want to block a major spending bill - which includes funding for troops in Afghanistan and disaster relief - over this issue.

The rule requires that contractors who perform work in homes built before 1978 be EPA-certified in lead paint removal or face fines up to \$37,500 per violation per day.

The amendment introduced by Sen. Collins would bar the EPA from levying fines against contractors who have signed up for

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SMACNA Testing & Research Institute Issues Quality Validation For Berry Plastics' Nashua And Polyken 367-17 Foil Backed HVAC Tapes

Berry Plastics Tapes and Coatings HVAC Group recently announced that the SMACNA Testing and Research Institute has formally validated that Berry Plastics' Polyken and Nashua 367-17 UL 181B-FX foil backed tapes meet or exceed the SMACNA HVAC Duct Construction Standard (3rd Edition). This is the first time any foil tape has received confirmation of its adherence to SMACNA industry standards of performance.

"By taking this step," says Berry Plastics Director of Business Development Ben Cross, "we believe engineers, building owners, and contractors can now have the utmost confidence that Berry Plastics Polyken and Nashua 367-17 is of the highest caliber, meeting or exceeding industry standards as well as all our stated performance characteristics."

The adhesive contains butyl rubber, which has a lengthy history of proven performance for water resistance, leakage protection, and durability. Pioneering its use for corrosion protection in gas, oil, and water pipelines, Berry Plastics developed Nashua and Polyken 367-17 to contain no volatile

organic compounds (VOCs), so it won't dry out over time and is compatible with other sealants. The adhesive also has exceptional cold flow properties, enabling it to conform to irregular surfaces.

In addition to validation by the SMACNA Testing and Research Institute, 367-17 tape has met Underwriters Laboratories' rigorous test protocol for adhesion, shear, exposure, and durability known as UL 181B F-X. The tape also has an "A" rating for fire resistance under UL 723 that measures flame spread and smoke index.

These outstanding qualifications assure customers that, when manufactured and installed in strict accordance with Berry Plastics' requirements and UL listing, Nashua and Polyken 367-17 foil backed tapes provide a superior seal for both sheet metal and flexible duct HVAC installations.

For further information on Berry Plastics Nashua and Polyken 367-17 foil backed tapes, please contact Ben Cross, Director of Business Development at BenCross@berryplastics.com or by calling 508.918.1683.

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