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Residential Contractors and Lead Certification – Effective August 1, 2011

A new state law relating to lead paint abatement, Minn. Stat. § 326B.106, subds. 13 and 14 goes into effect August 1, 2011. This new law requires municipalities to verify the EPA lead firm certification of any state licensed residential building contractor, residential remodeler, manufactured home installer, or residential roofer before issuing any permits relating to renovations performed on residential structures constructed prior to January 1, 1978.

Lead certification requirements are exempt under the following conditions:

- The building was constructed after January 1, 1978
- The structure is not residential housing or a child occupied facility
- The renovation will not disturb 6 square feet or more of painted surfaces per room for interior activities, or 20 square feet or more of painted surfaces for exterior activities
- Property owners performing the work themselves on a home they occupy

Verification and Permit Issuance Requirements:

Licensed residential building contractors, residential remodelers, manufactured home installers and residential roofers will be required to submit a copy of their current EPA Firm Certification at the time of application, and prior to permit issuance. Further information and resources: www.dli.mn.gov/ccld/lead.asp