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## Federal Regulations to Address Lead Paint Renovations & Repair

Beginning in April 2010, federal law promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will establish training and safe work practice requirements for contractors that disturb lead-based paints (LBPs).

The regulation, known as the Lead Renovation and Repair Program (40 CFR 745.80, Subpart E), will apply to renovation and repair activities in homes, child care facilities, and schools that were built prior to 1978 and

children under six years old regularly occupy the building. If more than six square feet of painted interior materials or 20 square feet of painted exterior materials will be affected, contractors will be required to possess lead training and provide information on lead hazards and lead-safe work practices to building tenants/occupants. Lead abatement activities, where the elimination of lead or lead hazards is the sole element of the project, will remain regulated by EPA

under the present lead abatement standards.

EPA is providing information for homeowners to better conduct these projects safely, and EPA has established a toll-free information hotline at (800) 424-LEAD (5323) at the National Lead Information Center.

*Source: "Renovate Right – Important Lead Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools"*  
<http://www.epa.gov/lead/public/leadinfo.html>

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## New USGBC Building Performance Criteria

The United States Green Building Council (USGBC) has established a new and aggressive initiative to improve and monitor building performance with their implementation of the Building Performance Initiative (BPI). The initiative will involve the collection of building data from LEED-certified building, the establishment of data interpretation standards, and the dissemination of collected information to assist building owners to better monitor and continuously improve the efficiency of their buildings. The monitoring of building data will be required under

this initiative for newly certified LEED structures.

Building Performance Initiative summits are scheduled across the United States in September and October of 2009. The BPI summits are intended to provide building owners an opportunity to provide direct feedback and comment on the BPI requirements.

The USGBC recently updated its performance standard requirements with LEED Version 3. The new standard requirements establish a new grading system for building requirements and

performance that are based upon varying regional requirements due to the inherent differences in structural performance posed by differing environmental priorities. Regionally specific credits are a way to allow LEED to directly respond to diverse and regionally grounded environmental issues, according to USGBC representatives.

*Source: "LEED V.3 Adds New Grading Scale, Regional Certification"*  
<http://www.environmentalleader.com>

## CEI Appoints New Training Director

CEI is pleased to announce the appointment of Shari L. Solomon, Esq., to the position of Director of Training. Ms. Solomon possesses a decade of federal regulatory experience, with a focus on water intrusion/mold consulting issues. In addition to providing curriculum content development and faculty management, Ms. Solomon supports mold-related services, including litigation support, operation

and maintenance policies. Prior to joining CEI, Ms. Solomon was Director of Moisture Infiltration Services for a nationally-recognized environmental consulting firm. On the regulatory side, she served as a Legislative Analyst for the National Multi Housing Council/National Apartment Association Joint Legislative Staff. While serving in this capacity, she developed an expertise on mold-related

issues and authored the first industry 'white paper' as well as an Operations and Maintenance Program for mold/moisture control in apartment properties - a program that has steadily become the industry's 'standard of care.' Ms. Solomon also served as a Fellow for the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the U.S. House of Representatives.



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## Training Course Calendar – Fall 2009

### Construction In Healthcare

October 5  
Hanover MD

October 19  
Charlotte NC

October 29  
Raleigh NC

### Certified Microbial Remediator (CMR) and Certified Microbial Remediation Supervisor (CMRS) Preparatory Courses

September 19 – October 1  
Hanover, MD

October 26 to 28  
Raleigh, NC

### Certified Residential Microbial Remediator (CRM) Preparatory Course

October 14 & 15  
Hanover MD

December 2 & 3  
Hanover MD

Visit <http://www.ceiinc.com/training.html> for more information and to register

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CEI is a full-service **environmental and industrial hygiene consulting firm** and provides a full range of occupational compliance services, with a specialization in compliance consulting and testing for healthcare facility management providers. Based in Baltimore (Glen Burnie), Maryland, CEI provides compliance. We hope that you will find this

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