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Borough of Bantam

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Bethlehem

To: Contractors

From: Robert Rubbo, MPH, R.S., Director of Health

Canaan

RE: EPA Renovation, Repair, & Painting Rule (RRP)

Cornwall

Goshen

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH), Lead and Healthy Homes Program (L&HHP) is requesting that local health departments collaborate with local building officials to help prevent childhood lead poisoning. **Specifically, the Torrington Area Health District (TAHD) will inform homeowners and /or contractors who take out building permit applications for work being conducted on pre-1978 residential or child-occupied properties about the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP Rule).**

Harwinton

Kent

Borough of Litchfield

This is part of an ongoing statewide effort to ensure that contractors and homeowners are in compliance with the RRP Rule. The intention of the federal law is to prevent future childhood and adult lead poisoning and to prevent environmental contamination of a property which may expose residents to lead hazards. Lead-safe work carried out by contractors in all pre-1978 residential properties directly contributes to prevention of childhood lead poisoning in Connecticut.

Litchfield

Middlebury

Morris

Most renovations performed on pre-1978 residential properties are subject to the EPA's RRP Rule – a federal law requiring training, certification and lead-safe work practices on older properties during renovation activities. The TAHD will review local renovation permits for pre-1978 properties for contractor and/or homeowner credentialing as required under the RRP Rule. The TAHD and the CT DPH will provide assistance and answer any questions posed by contractors and/or homeowners.

Norfolk

North Canaan

Plymouth

Please note that the building official and/or local health department's participation in this effort does not imply responsibility for contractor compliance with the RRP Rule. In order to fully address and prevent childhood lead poisoning, we must collaborate with partners from multiple sectors. I am requesting your assistance in this statewide effort. If you are a contractor working on a pre-1978 residential or child-occupied property, your firm must be RRP licensed and you must be RRP certified as a lead safe contractor. If you have any further questions in regards to this please do not hesitate to contact me at 860 489-0436 X311. Information is also available at <http://www2.epa.gov/lead/lead-renovation-repair-and-painting-program-rules>.

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Torrington

Warren

Watertown

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