



QuikFACTS

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Weatherizers: You May Have to Stop Work!

Yes, this headline is intended to grab your attention.

On April 22, all CAAs and other W.A.P. local agencies either must have official EPA certification that they are a lead renovation "firm" or they must cease working in most pre-1978 homes.

After April 22, if your agency lacks official EPA certification that it is a "firm", you will begin incurring fines of \$37,500 **per day** when your program has workers in a pre-1978 home. Your W.A.P. and housing rehab contractors must also be EPA certified firms. Exception: after a certified lead renovator has tested the home according to the regulations and found no lead paint, your crews or contractors may do the job whether or not they are firms.

The problem: EPA has very few local Weatherization agencies listed on its 'certified firm' list as of today, three weeks before the new rule takes effect. On March 18, EPA issued the clarification that all W.A.P. subgrantees must be certified. NCAF had alerted Congressional committees and the federal agencies about the coming problems as long ago as March 4. We have been in intense dialogue with DOE seeking Administration support for an extension of the EPA enforcement deadline.

NCAF will work to postpone enforcement - **but we can only succeed if all local agencies have filed, and are waiting for, EPA certification.** In other words: the best chance of winning a delay is to have the EPA certification 'pipeline' clogged with your applications. Please get yours in today. Download the application <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf>.*

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Join us May 3-7, 2010 at the Renaissance Vinoy Hotel in St. Petersburg, Florida for the [2010 War on Poverty Workshop](#).

This year's workshop will have a special focus on those interested in pursuing a long-term career in community action.

The workshop will focus on:

- **Understanding key concepts of Community Action**

- **Examining who we are as professionals in Community Action, and why we possess this identity**

- **Exploring the**

ACT NOW: If your agency (and/or any of your contractors) has not yet applied for certification, do so today by filling out the form at and paying the \$300 fee.

More: Do not confuse being a certified "firm" with having certified lead renovators in your workforce. Both conditions are required so that your team can work on a pre-1978 home. Be sure that both your agency and your contractors have certificates as "firms". Even CAAs that are certified as skilled lead abatement organizations must have this new certificate, and even lead abatement technicians must have paper to prove they took a lead 'renovator' refresher course.

Making the case for delay: On April 7 we will circulate a short survey in Quick Facts to determine how many agencies are certified or have applied to EPA but are still waiting. Please answer promptly so we may take the results to the highest levels of the Administration if necessary.

Further federal agency delays in W.A.P. would be intolerable; local delays resulting in slow compliance would be indefensible.

*In WI, NC and IA, the state is authorized by EPA to certify firms. Link to their sites through <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>

role(s) each one of us possesses in determining the identity of Community Action

- How we can change our local communities as Community Action professionals

- How we can make a national impact as members of the national Community Action movement.

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