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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 2, 2010

FROM: Rita Gergely, Chief
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Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)

RE: Enforcement of Lead-Safe Renovator
Certification Requirements and
Work Practice Standards

Iowa Administrative Code 641—Chapter 70 requires those performing renovation to complete training. IDPH must also certify those performing renovation. The deadline for compliance is April 22, 2010. Those performing renovation must also follow specific work practice standards. This will protect property owners and occupants from lead exposure.

During the first year following the effective date of these new rules, IDPH will focus on “compliance assistance.” IDPH will work with those who perform renovation to ensure that they are aware of these new rules. IDPH will also ensure that they complete the required training and certification. IDPH will follow up on tips and complaints regarding violations of the rules. IDPH may assess penalties if unsafe work practices are used on a project, which puts owners or tenants in danger of lead poisoning.