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Certified Installer E-News February 7, 2010 -- 10th Edition

Welcome to the 10th edition of the Vinyl Siding Institute's (VSI) Certified Installer E-News. Note that all official program communications continue to come from Karen Yetter at ATI, the program Administrator, at kyetter@archtest.com.

New EPA Rules on Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting!

The EPA's Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting Program was developed to protect against lead-based paint hazards associated with renovation, repair and painting activities. The rules apply to all remodeling/renovation (including re-siding) on homes, child-care facilities and schools built before 1978 that contain lead paint and go into effect on April 22, 2010.

This program impacts all renovators and remodelers, not just siding contractors. Firms and renovators must be certified to work on qualified projects and renovators must successfully complete an eight-hour initial renovator training course offered by an accredited training provider (training providers are accredited by EPA, or by an authorized state or tribal program)

Manufacturers should be aware of these rules, but the program is related to on-site work practices. It is not specific to the installation of vinyl and other polymeric siding. The rules relate to containment, clean-up and consumer education and awareness. Several vinyl siding manufacturers are having their employees certified so that they can assist their customers. The CIOC will be discussing how to integrate the information into the VSI Certified Installer Program.

For more information, please visit <http://www.vinylsiding.org/installation/> or



<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>.

Updates to the Certified Installer Resource Webpage

Visit the [VSI Certified Installer Resources](#) webpage to download VSI's newest publication, *Reality Check: Vinyl Siding vs. James Hardie Fiber Cement Siding*. This double-sided handout provides the facts that refute false claims against vinyl siding made by James Hardie, focusing on environmental performance, safety and color and color retention.

VSI also recently updated and reprinted the *Your Home Deserves the Best: Use a Certified Vinyl Siding Installer* Brochure. This brochure is a great marketing tool to use with homeowners to promote your Certified Installer status!

Order both of these publications, at the reduced member price, by downloading the [Publications Order Form](#) or visit the [Certified Installer Resources](#) webpage to download documents on why your customers should side with vinyl, why vinyl siding is better than fiber cement, why vinyl siding is green and more!

Get Involved Today!

Sign up to be a member of the [VSI Vinyl Siding Grassroots Team](#)! By signing up, you'll receive our email newsletters alerting you to potential restrictions on vinyl siding and how to fight them in your community.

By working together, we can keep vinyl siding the number #1 exterior cladding in the U.S. and Canada — and positioned for growth after the downturn!

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