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MEMORANDUM

**TO: Lead RRP Training Providers
Certified RRP Renovators/Supervisors**

**FROM: Jennifer Vogel, Program Manager
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**SUBJECT: Clarification of RRP Renewal and Refresher Training Requirements
(Certification vs. Training)**

All Renovators/Supervisors are required to be Georgia Certified after December 9, 2010.

Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) shall recognize certifications for Renovators who received training from an EPA-authorized training provider prior to December 9, 2010 for 5 years after the date of training. Those receiving training after December 9, 2010 must become Georgia certified before working on a regulated RRP project.

The 8-Hour Initial Renovator Training is required for initial Georgia certification. Renewal certification is due 3 years after the last day of training.

The 4-hour Refresher Renovator training course is required every 3 years after the initial training. This includes Renovators who completed training prior to December 9, 2010. Although EPD will recognize EPA certifications for 5 years, those Renovators who wish to renew their certification with refresher training must do so prior to 3 years from the initial training date.

HOWEVER, Renovators that do not complete the Renovator Refresher course prior to 3 years after the last day of training may obtain provisional certification for 12 months by payment of a fee two times the certification fee (\$300). Since EPD will recognize EPA certifications for 5 years, the provisional certification fee will be waived for those Renovators who completed training prior to December 9, 2010; therefore, allowing Refresher training up to four years after the last day of training.

Renovators that do not complete the Renovator Refresher training course by four years after the last day of training must complete an Initial Renovator training course.

Many Renovators with EPA certifications (trained prior to December 9, 2010) will need to complete Refresher training soon in order to submit a renewal to become Georgia Certified Renovators. Please advise these Renovators that they must complete Refresher training prior to four years after the date of training or they must attend an Initial Renovator training course to become Georgia Certified. EPD will recognize EPA certifications for 5 years; however, our Lead Rules only allow renewal with Refresher training up to 4 years from the last date of training. Only the provisional certification fee will be waived for these Renovators. The fee for Renovator/Supervisor certification is \$150 for 3 years and will not be waived.