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EPA's mandatory lead based paint training is now available in Schuylerville, NY.

Marvin & Company Community Revitalization, a local consulting firm based in Schuylerville, NY, is pleased to announce that they have received EPA Accreditation to offer Lead Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) classes.

The Environmental Protection Agency's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule requires that any contractor performing work on pre-1978 residences or child-occupied facilities, such as schools and daycares, must obtain EPA Firm Certification. The 8 hour training course is a mandatory pre-requisite for any company or individual applying for Firm Certification.

There has been a great deal of speculation and misinformation surrounding the EPA's new lead rule. The rule was originally implemented in April 2010. Due to the overwhelming demand and lack of accredited training firms, especially in rural areas, the deadline for compliance was extended. Contractors have until September 30, 2010 to attend an accredited RRP training, and must apply for Firm Certification before December 30, 2010. According to the National Lead Information Center (NLIC), fines of up to \$37,500 per violation, per day will be enforced starting January 1, 2011.

There are two ways to comply with the RRP training requirement. Contractors who have completed HUD's Lead Safe Work Practices training within the past five years are eligible for the 4-hour RRP Refresher course. Those with no previous training must attend the 8-hour Initial course. Both courses are offered by Marvin & Company.

Michelle DeGarmo, RRP Instructor for Marvin & Company, has been training contractors in lead based paint safety and regulation compliance for over a decade. According to Ms. DeGarmo: "These regulations were enforced for HUD assisted properties in 2000, when we began offering Lead Safe Work Practices to contractors working with affordable housing grant programs. The new RRP rule seems overwhelming at first glance, but some contractors have been complying with similar regulations for ten years."

Marvin & Company is local, experienced, and ready to assist contractors comply with the new RRP rule. For information on upcoming classes, call 518-695-3344 or visit their website: www.marvinandcompany.com. Class size is limited, so registration is required and calling ahead for availability is strongly encouraged.