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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

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Administrator
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Dear Administrator Jackson:

We continue to have concerns about the progress of the EPA's implementation of the "Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule." More specifically, we are concerned with the training and certification process to become a "certified renovator." EPA, in its economic analysis of the rule, estimated that 186,811 certified renovators must be trained by April 2010 with an additional 123,776 needed by April 2012.

In your June 30 response, you indicated that a single trainer could potentially provide training for 5000 renovators between June 2009 and April 2010. You also indicated that you had applications from more than 70 trainers. These numbers raise a number of critical questions:

- How many trainers has the agency certified thus far?
- How many renovators have been trained?
- In what specific ways are you "actively recruiting trainers" and investigating "other innovative ways of providing training"?
- What portion of EPA's FY 2010 budget is being devoted to training?
- Does EPA still hold firm to the April 2010 compliance deadline?

Moreover, in your letter, you noted that the agency is coordinating with DOE, HUD, and OSHA on lead safety practices. We appreciate your response, but we would like more details about the nature and substance of this coordination.

- Please explain specifically how you are "working closely with DOE".
- When you write "DOE grantees can use grant funds to pay for renovation training," what grants are you referring to? Are these stimulus grants, or grants from other DOE programs?
- Please provide specific details and examples as to how you have "worked very closely with HUD" in coordinating lead safety efforts.

