Stepped-Up Lead Paint Enforcement Coming

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In speaking with an attorney for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, NAPAC has learned that senior officials at the EPA have now directed each EPA regional office to dramatically increase enforcement actions for violations of the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule. NAPAC's source commented that the preferred method of uncovering violations is to show up at the job site when violations are occurring, but that the EPA is struggling with how to do this effectively. While this is certainly not good news, it should not come as a surprise to anyone who has been following this law and reading the NAPAC Report. Any acclimation period offered by the EPA is long gone. Those who continue to not follow the law may find an EPA investigator at their job site.