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Mrs. Jean Johnson
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
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Dear Jean,

I am writing to follow up on our previous conversations about the new USEPA Lead Regulations called Lead; Renovations, Repair, and Painting Program, (LRRP). This legislation became effective April 22, 2010, but a letter dated June 18, 2010 from the USEPA extended the time for training and certification to comply, to October 1, 2010. I have enclosed that letter for your review.

I have included a report by Graham & Graham, Ltd. which attempts to clarify the stipulations and definitions of the program as it is written today. I am also including a copy of "Renovate Right", the official pamphlet from the USEPA explaining the law, and an application and instructions to become a certified firm.

Given the information that we currently have available to us today, it looks like the schools that meet the criteria to comply with the law have a couple of options;

1. Assume that there is lead paint and get a maintenance person trained and certified to be a lead renovator, while the school becomes a certified firm, (see Pamphlet).
2. Hire a Certified Firm to do all of the painting that needs done that falls under the requirements of the law.
3. If there is a good chance that there may not be lead paint, the school could test for lead paint, and if the tests come back negative, there is no need for certification and they can continue as they have been.

Please note that the fees for certified renovators and certified firms are ongoing and have to be renewed every 5 years. I will be happy to be a resource for you and to disseminate information that I receive pertaining to the regulation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you have or may receive from the schools.

Sincerely,