



**2010 Compliance Update**

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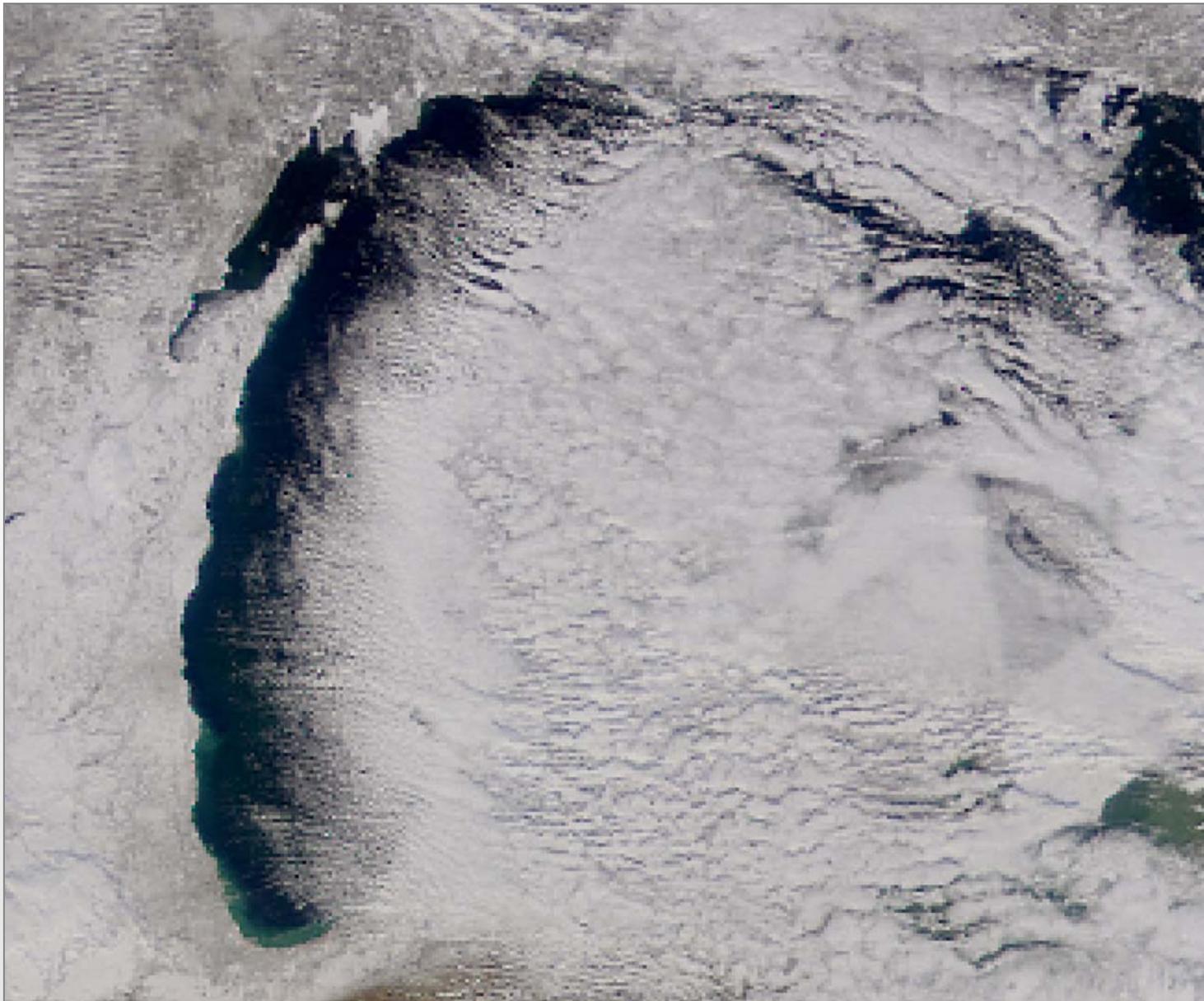


*October 10, 2003*



*Coming Attractions!*

*January 27, 2005*



*NASA: "Today's image of Lake Michigan shows a lake effect where clear dry air moves eastward as it traverses the lake and forming dense clouds by the time it reaches the Michigan shore."*

*~ January 18, 2002*

# Compliance figures

(August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010):

## **Total # Inspections/Audits: 243**

*# Pre-Renovation Education: 177*

*# Abatement: 54*

*# Inspector/Risk Assessors: 12*

## **Total # Enforcement Actions Issued: 218**

- *111 Citations*
- *107 Notices of Non-Compliance*
- *\$74,200 fines assessed*

***Certifications revoked, Notices of Intent to Revoke served (pending), and Suspensions: 8***

**cases**

*Abatement company issued four citations and one NON (Notice of Non-compliance) for worksite preparation and lapsed certification violations.*

***Fined: \$1,800.00***

***Collected: \$1,800.00***

*Abatement company issued nine citations for worksite preparation, failure to adequately protect occupant belongings, and certification violations.*

***Fined: \$5,800.00***

***Collected: \$3,400.00***

*PRE Audit – Renovator (landlord) failed to hand out PRE pamphlets at qualifying units in large Genesee County apartment complex.*

***Fined: \$2,250.00***

***Collected: \$2,250.00***

*Abatement Contractor issued three citations and one NON for no OPP, inadequate protection of occupant belongings, and worksite prep violations.*

***Fined: \$1,850.00***

***Collected: \$1,850.00***

## **cases**

*Abatement company issued five citations and one NON for failure to adequately protect occupant belongings, no OPP, failure to keep occupants outside of work area, and worksite preparation and violations.*

***Fined: \$3,050.00.***

***Collected: \$3,050.00***

*Abatement company issued five citations and one NON for failure to adequately protect occupant belongings, no OPP, certification issues, and worksite preparation and violations.*

***Fined: \$5,500.00***

***Collected: \$4,150.00***

*Risk Assessor issued four citations and eight NONs for violations of lead-based paint investigation requirements.*

***Fined: \$4,300.00 w/ Suspension***

**cases**

*PRE Audit – Renovation firm failed to hand out PRE pamphlets at several project addresses.*

***Fined: \$2,880.00***

***Collected: \$2,880.00***

*PRE Audit – Renovation firm failed to hand out PRE pamphlets at several project addresses.*

***Fined: \$1,350.00***

***Collected: \$1,350.00***

## cases

In 2009, HHS worked with the U.S. EPA's Criminal Investigation Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a case involving a Risk Assessor/EBL Investigator in Detroit.

This individual was arrested, convicted, and is awaiting sentencing by a federal judge. This individual was soliciting bribes from families and landlords to ease lead-based paint requirements, provide "training", and give favorable test results.

HHS expertise was called upon to audit hundreds of lead-based paint investigation reports. Five follow-up cases against Risk Assessors resulted and are in process.

Certification revoked; citations issued in excess of \$5,000.



## cases

Actions are being taken to invalidate the entire bodies of work of two Michigan risk assessors. This is every lead-based paint investigation report—risk assessment, clearance, or inspection—they have done for the last 10 plus years.

Letters will be sent to area rental property owners and housing agencies that may have contracted their services.

These individuals were found to have seriously, repeatedly, and willfully violated Michigan's lead regulations.

Certifications of both individuals revoked.

Final fines issued against both amount to nearly \$40,000. A failure to pay results in the fine being referred to the Department of Treasury for collections proceedings.

Special agents from the US EPA's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) are conducting their own investigations.

## cases

A June 17<sup>th</sup> press release from the US EPA entitled **“EPA Cites Hanson’s Window and Construction for Failures to Warn Residents About Potential Exposures in 2005; \$784,380 Penalty Proposed”** publicized an ongoing federal case that HHS has been involved with for several years.

HHS continues to partner with US EPA on this investigation and others.

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**What Homeowners Need to Know About Lead Paint: Questions & Answers from Hansons!**

**Why do I need to be concerned about lead paint, I don't want any painting done to my house!**

Well, lead paint was banned from use in consumer products in 1978, but it was often used in houses and apartments built before then. Lead had been added to paint for many decades because it improved the performance of the paint (drying time, durability, etc.). However, if lead is inhaled or ingested (usually in the form of lead paint dust) it can be harmful to adults and especially to young children.

OK, so how do I find out more information about this?

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# Miscellaneous | Miscellaneous

If you “*misrepresent*” facts to us, you’re misrepresenting facts to the US EPA. Federal criminal charges of fraud from the could be one result.

Manufacturer’s coating in poor condition—do you test?

Steve Smith is taking on some enforcement duties. Steve will be conducting field audits of Risk Assessors and Inspectors as his time permits. These audits are full enforcement audits, not compliance assists.



*Thank-you  
Questions?*

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