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**Subject: Training Extensions for Lead-Based Paint and Asbestos Accreditation  
Certifications due to COVID-19 (revised)**

In light of recent restrictions on public gatherings and non-essential travel implemented by Governor Lee, the following temporary emergency accommodations are being implemented for lead-based paint certification refresher training requirements and for asbestos accreditation refresher training requirements.

Due to the limited availability of approved online training courses, existing training certificate expiration dates will be honored for six months past the current printed expiration date for the following disciplines:

- Lead-Based Paint Refresher training certificates for the Worker, Supervisor, Project Designer, Inspector, Risk Assessor disciplines
- Asbestos Accreditation Refresher training certificates for the Project Monitor discipline

This extension is only applicable for refresher training certificates and for those who are renewing existing certification/accreditation. Individuals who are seeking to gain initial certification/accreditation in either program will still be required to submit valid, non-expired training certificates.

To utilize this temporary extension, applicants shall complete the application process, pay the required fee and submit a statement that they were not able to meet the training requirements of taking a TN approved on-line refresher course.

Three training providers are currently approved to offer online asbestos refresher training (see attachment). At this time, however, no online Project Monitor Refresher training courses are approved. There are currently no approved Lead-Based Paint online training providers. As training providers submit new online courses, updated information will be available at the following website as new courses are approved: <https://www.tn.gov/environment/toxic-substances-program.html>.

These temporary emergency accommodations will be in affect from March 20, 2020 until further notice. Emergency accommodations will be reassessed at the end of each month, and these accommodations may be terminated at that time at the Department's discretion.