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Here’s a quick summary of all renovation companies that have been fined by EPA for alleged failure to comply with RRP rules. To our knowledge, no garage door firms have yet been fined.

Most fine-producing violations focus on failure to inform, such as failing to distribute the “Renovate Right” booklet to homeowners. The notable exception is the case against Colin Wentworth of Maine. EPA says it was “the first action EPA has brought against a company or individual for lead safe work-practice violations.”

In the Wentworth case, “the violations were brought to EPA’s attention via an anonymous tip linking to a video … posted on YouTube … (which) documented workers using power equipment to remove lead paint from an exterior wall of a residential building.”

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<td>March 23, 2011</td>
<td>Permanent Siding and Windows</td>
<td>Milford, Conn.</td>
<td>“failed to provide lead hazard information to homeowners or occupants before doing renovations that may have disturbed surfaces coated with lead-based paint”</td>
<td>$30,702</td>
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<td>March 31, 2011</td>
<td>Window World of St. Louis</td>
<td>St. Louis, Mo.</td>
<td>“failed to notify owners and occupants of … lead-based paint risks prior to performing renovation work”</td>
<td>$19,529 + $20,048 of donated windows at nonprofit facilities</td>
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<td>April 6, 2011</td>
<td>College Works Painting</td>
<td>Portland, McMinnville, Hillsboro, Ore.</td>
<td>“failing to inform homeowners or residents of possible lead hazards” “failed to establish and maintain records necessary to demonstrate compliance”</td>
<td>$32,508</td>
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<td>April 21, 2011</td>
<td>Window World of Omaha</td>
<td>Omaha, Neb.</td>
<td>“failed to notify owners and occupants of … lead-based paint risks prior to performing renovation work”</td>
<td>$3,976 + $11,928 of donated windows at nonprofit facilities</td>
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<td>May 16, 2011</td>
<td>Colin Wentworth</td>
<td>Rockland, Maine</td>
<td>“failed to: obtain required certification … post warning signs … cover the ground … contain waste … prohibit use of machines that remove lead-based paint through high speed operation without HEPA exhaust controls … establish and maintain records”</td>
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