

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

**Guidelines for Participation in the ETV ESTE
Verification Test of Lead Paint Test Kits**

The following guidelines have been set to establish the eligibility of individual test kits for participation in the ETV ESTE verification test of lead paint test kits. Test kits must conform to the following guidelines to participate in the verification test. Test kits that cannot meet these guidelines will not be evaluated as part of the ETV verification test of lead paint test kits. Testing is scheduled to start by November 2009. Questions or concerns about these guidelines should be directed to Stephanie Buehler, at (614) 424-3972 or buehlers@battelle.org.

1. All participating test kits must be commercial ready or commercially available. The following are meant to be guidance for determining this requirement:
 - Test kits must be commercially available for purchase either at the time of application for testing or at the time the verification report is final (signed). ETV plans to finalize verifications and post the ETV reports and statements as early as April 2010 on the ETV website.
 - Marketing materials (e.g., websites, brochures) should be available or clearly in development to demonstrate the test kit and its availability.
 - Vendors should provide a production plan, marketing plan, and financial plan when applying for testing of a test kit. Drafts of these plans are acceptable for submission. Five to ten pages for these plans are sufficient. Submission of a plan demonstrates that steps have been taken to determine how the test kit will be manufactured for end users, how the test kit will be marketed and commercialized, and how these activities will be supported financially.

2. A test kit must be submitted in its final form. Testing results apply to the test kit tested. Results will not be applicable to modified test kits.

Though test kit packaging may change, the operation and chemistry of the test kit must remain the same as was submitted to the ETV test. Although the ETV Program has no legal right to require re-testing of a vendor's kit, the ETV Program reserves the right to announce when it believes a verification report or statement no longer represents the kit that is being marketed. The ETV Name and Logo may not be associated with test kits for which performance data have not been verified under EPA ETV. Improper use of the ETV Name, Logo, and test results could result in the revocation of the verification report and statement. Please consult the [Environmental Technology Verification Program, Policy Compendium](#) and the [U.S. EPA Environmental Technology Verification Program \(ETV\) Guidelines for Proper Use of the ETV Name and Logo \(PDF\)](#) which is located at <http://www.epa.gov/nrmrl/std/etv/publications.html#programdoc>

3. Results from the ETV ESTE verification test for each participating test kit will be submitted by the ETV Program to OPPT for consideration of recognition under the Lead Renovation, Repair Painting (RRP) Rule. Test kit acceptance under the RRP Rule will not be determined by ETV. OPPT will determine which test kits will be accepted under the Rule based on criteria set by OPPT and will list the recognized test kits on their website. OPPT will also provide the link to ETV verification reports and statements for all participating vendors, regardless of recognition outcome.
4. EPA will fund up to six test kits. In the future, there may be additional funding available. Test kits will be tested on a first come first serve basis, provided criteria for commercial readiness are met.