

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

**Guidelines for Participation in the ETV ESTE  
Verification Test of Lead Paint Test Kits  
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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](mailto:buehlers@battelle.org).

1. Application must be received by September 30, 2009. See application form for submittal details.
2. All participating test kits must be commercial ready or commercially available. The following is 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 business plan consisting of production plan, marketing plan, and financial plan, upon submittal of the signed vendor agreement. A draft of this plan is acceptable for submission. Five to ten pages for this plan 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.
3. 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of a vendor's kit, the ETV Program reserves the right to announce when it believes a verification report or statement no longer represents the kit that is being marketed.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>

4. 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.
5. EPA will fund up to six test kits. In the future, additional funding maybe available. Test kits will be tested on a first come first serve basis (see Appendix), provided criteria for commercial readiness are met.

### **Appendix: Additional Guidance on First Come, First Serve**

Vendors must be commercial ready at the time of testing or by the time verification is posted, assumed to be April, 2010. Those vendors who have sent their agreement along with their business plan will qualify for verification based on a first come, first serve basis based on the postmarked date provided by the agency used for shipping. Vendors must also provide the tracking number of the shipping agency either through phone call or by email.

If more than six test kits are submitted and two or more test kits have the same postmark date, the commercial ready plan will be reviewed and determined adequate or not. If after review there are still more than six eligible test kits, the names of these test kits (the ones with the same postmark) will be placed in a lottery to decide which test kits will be tested.