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## New Lead Rules Prompt Training Fact-Finding Tour



*Left to Right: Brian Wong, Heather Rowe, Laura Marlin, Marty Stevens, Ernie Kelley, Greg Morsch, John Mahoney*

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 – Representatives from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development met with ATC Associates' Environmental Health & Safety Training professionals to discuss the new lead rules. With worker safety at the top of their minds, the discussion centered around how the passing of EPA's new Lead rule and updated Asbestos regulations for the Commonwealth of MA would impact worker training, certifications and licensing across the state. Safety training and EPA certification will be required for large numbers of home renovators, general contractors and subcontractors involved in renovation, repair and painting of pre-1978 residential and school buildings before April 22, 2010.

The tour began with a discussion about the importance of worker safety and a visit to the classroom and hands-on training facility for safe lead-handling practices. The tour was led by ATC's Associates' Regional

Training Director, Greg Morsch and Vice President/Area Manager, Marty Stevens. State representatives included Laura Marlin (Labor Commissioner), Ernie Kelley and Brian Wong (Supervisor/Inspectors from the Div. of Occupational Safety) and Heather Rowe (Deputy Labor Commissioner).

During the tour, ATC representatives shared their insight on logistics, certification, licensing and photo ID issues to help the State implement the new programs. Mr. Morsch talked about the strategy of designing training courses. He mentioned the importance of weaving general safety practices into the overall issues that routinely come up in a construction site. Mr. Morsch stated, "In this line of business, it is more about the process being monitored versus the product. A monitor is put on site to make sure the work is done properly and ultimately maintain worker safety."

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