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New Lead Practices Go Into Effect



The **Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule**, which requires contractors to be trained and certified in lead-safe work practices, went into effect April 1st. These rules apply to contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint

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New CAFE Standards Announced

On April 1st, the the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) (NHTSA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officially [released new federal CAFE standards](#) for car models manufactured between 2012 - 2016.



Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards regulate the fleet-wide fuel economy level for each manufacturer, and include an average of all cars and light trucks in each fleet. Part of the aim of these new standards is that the new models will not only be beneficial for the environment, but also boost the American economy by encouraging consumers to buy more fuel-efficient vehicles.

President Obama released a statement March 31st, saying, "I want to emphasize that this announcement is part of a broader strategy that will move us from an economy that runs on fossil fuels and foreign oil to one that relies on homegrown fuels and clean energy. And the only way this transition will succeed is if it strengthens our economy in the short term and the long term. To fail to recognize this reality would be a mistake."

Automakers must now have their fleet average of new models meet a standard of 34.1 miles per gallon. This number is expected to rise to 35 mpg when new air conditioner technology is implemented. NHTSA and DOT estimate these new standards could save the average consumer over \$3000 over the life of their vehicle.

These new regulations are the finalized version of a proposal made last May by President Obama. Current standards are set at 27.5 for

in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978

Lead in drinking water, soil and deteriorating/chipping paint can lead to a host of adverse **behavioral, developmental and neurological** conditions.

Gabriel conducts on-site sampling and testing in our NELAC-certified laboratory

The EPA has set up an 800 number to respond to inquiries about the new requirements: **1-800-424-LEAD.**

To learn more about how lead might be affecting you or your business, you can also visit the [EPA's lead website](#), or contact [Bill Gray](#) at (773) 486-2123.

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cars and 23.5 for light trucks (including SUVs).

Get to know Gabriel: John Polich



John Polich has been president of Gabriel Environmental since founding the company more than 35 years ago. John grew up in small towns throughout Wisconsin and spent his summers working on his parent's apple and cherry orchard in Door County before finally settling in Madison to attend college.

After founding Gabriel in 1973, John originally used the bathroom of his small apartment on the north side of Chicago to test samples (much to the chagrin of his wife). Since then, John has supervised the company as it has grown and expanded, now employing 50 employees at several locations throughout the Midwest.

In addition to his devotion to Gabriel, John is also an avid cook. He can be found several days a week firing up the grill and the stove at Gabriel, feeding his employees and guests. John often finds his culinary inspiration in Iron Chef America, with Mario Batali as his favorite Iron Chef. He then brings in his new ideas to the Gabriel kitchen, experimenting with various recipes and spices. He recently visited Michael Symon's Lola and declared it his favorite Iron Chef restaurant thus far.



John with his wife, Mary, and daughters Erin, Beth, and Sarah



To contact [John Polich](#), call (773) 486-2123... or stop by around lunchtime and chances are you'll benefit from a scrumptious lunch in addition to some good conversation!

Bike to Work Week Returns!



If your bike has been sitting in the garage all winter, it's time to dust it off and take it out for a spin in preparation for Bike to Work Week! Gabriel is proud to again take part in Chicago's annual **Bike Commuter Challenge 2010**, which will be held during [Chicago's Bike to Work Week](#) June 12th-18th this year. Last year, Gabriel



Target announced earlier this month that as a part of their sustainability program, all 1,740 Target locations would now offer recycling bins at the front of their stores.

The store's recycling bins will accept glass, aluminum, plastic bottles, plastic bags, mp3 players, cell phones, and ink cartridges.

To learn more information about Target's sustainability program, or to find the closest Target location to you, visit [their website](#).

won the Bike to Work Week competition for our company size with the largest percentage of participants (despite some stormy weather that week!).

What is Bike to Work Week?

During Bike to Work Week, companies and their employees citywide take a week to put aside the cars and use their bikes to commute instead. Chicagoland's Active Transport Alliance is once again sponsoring this year's Bike to Work Week. Every team who enters is eligible to win prizes-winning teams are determined by which company or department has the largest percentage of their employees who bike to work. To register yourself or your company as a Commuter Challenge team, visit their website at www.activetrans.org

Tune your Bike!

Prior to riding your bike for this year's Bike to Work Week - and especially if it's been sitting in your garage for months! - consider having your bike professionally tuned up. Having a professional look over your bike will ensure that your brakes and tires are in good shape, and everything is oiled to perfection.

Why Bike?

Biking to work not only can save you hundreds (if not thousands) of dollars every year in gas, parking, and car maintenance costs, but is also one of the best things you can do to maintain or improve your health. Additionally, many cyclists find that biking to work actually **cuts** their commute time significantly!

Gabriel is proud to encourage all our employees to bike to work, even providing a financial incentive for each day biked!

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