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PAINTS CONTAINING IMINATED LATICES

In view of recent information on the carcinogenicity of ethylene imine and propylene imine, it would seem prudent to investigate the possible existence of trace amounts of residue in finished products containing iminated latices. It is recognized that these imines are very reactive, have high vapor pressure, and logical chemical deduction would lead to the conclusion that none could be present in the finished product.

However, it is my opinion that we should attempt to measure the amount of the free imine in our paint and in the air above the paint in a just-opened can. We would then be in a much better position to refute some future "consumerist" publication of a scare report that our latex paints were "made with carcinogenic ingredients."

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