

June 18, 1971

Mr. William L. Mann
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National Lead Co.
111 Broadway
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Dear Bill:

I have had several pieces of correspondence from VITA on a simple, non-laboratory method for checking paint for lead content. My opinion was that the technique might be useful as a screening device but that it obviously could not be used to determine actual percentages of lead in paint.

In reply, VITA has requested information on any potential interferences which might mask the test results. I just do not have the background in analytical chemistry to answer this question and thought that perhaps your paint chemists might be able to provide some assistance.

I am enclosing copies of the correspondence on this with the request that you ask your paint chemists to look into the matter and give me an opinion so that I can pass it on to VITA.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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Director, Environmental Health
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