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RAW MATERIALS - HEAVY METAL IMPURITIES

Recent legislative action makes it advisable that we know the amount of certain heavy metal impurities present in all raw materials which might eventually be washed into waste water or sanitary sewer systems. For this reason, I am asking you to gather information from suppliers on the maximum amount of mercury, lead, arsenic and cadmium present in raw materials used in latex paints.

Right now we are most concerned about the proposed Illinois Regulation which limits the amount of mercury in the waste effluent to 0.5 ppb. However, I foresee that we could be in a similar type of situation with respect to lead, arsenic and cadmium in the future.

Let me know if you need further information.

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