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Dear Doctor Kehoe:

I am writing to you as an industrial physician concerned with the problem of lead exposure.

At our shipyard, painters and others who have potential lead exposures are surveyed quarterly by urinary porphyrin determinations. Informal discussions with medical directors from the auto industry indicate they prefer blood lead determinations as their screening test of choice. I would like to ask for your recommendations as to the best test for routine, periodic survey of lead workers, both from the reliability and ease of determination, but also that test which is best accepted from the medicolegal viewpoint.

I would be most grateful for your opinions, comments, recommendations, and or reprints.

Thank you very much,

Respectfully yours,

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