

November 18, 1971

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Dear Mr. Bluestone:

Your letter of November 16 to Dr. Dodd S. Carr has been referred to me for reply.

From the information you have included in your letter, it cannot be stated that the glaze in question either is or is not safe. The mere fact that it contains lead does not mean that it is unsafe, since various factors including firing temperature and formulation of the glaze determine the ultimate lead release.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the LIA booklet, "Facts About Lead Glazes for Art Potters and Hobbyists," which should provide you with much useful information. I suggest that if you have further questions on the use of lead in glazes, please contact Mr. J. F. Smith of the Lead Industries Association at the address on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

J. F. Cole, Sc. D.
Director, Environmental Health

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Enc.

cc. D. S. Carr
J. F. Smith

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