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Mrs. Ida K. Spinner
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Dear Mrs. Spinner:

Thank you for your letter of March 25th regarding lead testing procedures for dinnerware.

Unfortunately, there is no really simple way to determine if plates are releasing a hazardous amount of lead. I am enclosing a booklet entitled "Facts About Lead Glazes for Art Potters and Hobbyists," which lists several laboratories which have been approved by the U. S. Potters Association to do such testing. Unfortunately, you will have to give up one of your pieces for the test, though perhaps the laboratory can return it to you. Another approach may be to contact your local Food and Drug Administration Laboratory. They are currently conducting tests for lead release from dinnerware and may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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Director, Environmental Health

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