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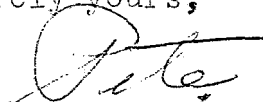
Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
Kettering Laboratory
College of Medicine
Eden Avenue
Cincinnati 19, Ohio

Dear Bob:

I am enclosing a letter from The Sherwin-Williams
Company re exposure to lead oxides and chromates.

I should appreciate it very much if you would answer
this query and send us a copy of your reply for our
records.

Sincerely yours,





THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO.

115 IN STREET AND COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE

CHICAGO 28, ILL.

May 27, 1955

American Medical Assn.,
535 N. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Attn. Dr. C. M. Peterson

Dear Dr. Peterson:

In our industrial operations we are faced with a number of exposures to lead oxides and chromates. To protect our personnel, we conduct regular, periodical quantitative lead urinalyses for lead content.

It has been brought to our attention that a number of companies are evaluating the lead absorption of their employees with a porphyrin test. What has your experience been in connection with the suitability of the porphyrin test for determining lead absorption? Can the porphyrin test be relied upon to give a good indication of lead absorption?

We realize that the presence of porphyrin can result from other systematic defects, and that a positive porphyrin test would require a quantitative urinalysis, and/or blood tests to accurately determine lead absorption.

Your opinions in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO.

F. C. Gaugush
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Director of Safety.

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