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Miss Michelle Griffoul
1390 Curtner Avenue
San Jose, California

Dear Miss Griffoul:

Thank you for your letter of January 10. I am pleased to enclose a copy of the Lead Industries Association's pamphlet, "Facts About Lead Glazes for Art Potters and Hobbyists." I believe that this booklet will be of great assistance to you in your efforts to produce only safe glazes for dinnerware.

Unfortunately, there is no simple test for determining the amount of lead which is leached from glazed surfaces. We advise that hobbyists using lead glazes on dinnerware have the ware tested by a competent laboratory or that they use only approved glazes under appropriate firing conditions.

If you wish further information on the technical aspects of the use of lead in ceramicware, I suggest that you contact Mr. J. F. Smith of Lead Industries Association at the address on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

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

cc: J. F. Smith

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