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NPCA LEAD PAINT INGESTION STUDY

The Industrial Metals Task Force met informally with government representatives in Washington on October 24. Attendees are listed on the attached. Dr. Julian Chisholm of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) was expected to attend but was unable to be there.

The purpose of this meeting was to review our proposed test protocol (copy attached) with representatives from FDA, HUD, and AAP to get their suggestions for improving the test and to get their concurrence with the test method. Our objective is to conduct research that will provide evidence as to the critical level of lead in paint that may be hazardous to children. We want to be sure that the data generated will be considered valid by the government agencies concerned.

Dr. John Crotty was concerned that perhaps none of the seven test materials would yield positive effects - lead poisoning. He felt that the test should include a positive control as well as a negative control. After discussion, it was decided to add an 8th test material, lead acetate, which due to its great solubility would surely kill

some rats! Feeding of lead acetate would also provide a link to some of the widely publicized literature on lead poisoning in which lead acetate was fed to rats (Dr. R. A. Kehoe).

Several laboratories (list attached) are submitting bids for the project. One will be selected soon and testing will commence as soon as possible.

Please review the attached test protocol and let me know if you do not concur with the planned test method or materials to be fed.

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P.S. - Dr. Zapp

Du Pont uses lead naphthenate and lead tallate instead of lead acetate. Do you agree that the ingestion rate and physiological effects would be comparable?