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Gentlemen:

This is to call to your attention a potentially hazardous activity suggested in your book by D. Keith Osborn and Dorothy Haupt entitled "Creative Activities for Young Children." On page 40 of the 1964 edition is a description of asbestos for use as a molding material and on page 94 are recipes for making the asbestos modeling dough. In this connection, I am enclosing a letter by Professor Irving J. Selikoff, M.D., to the Girl Scouts Headquarters warning about the hazards of using asbestos in this way. Prof. Selikoff, a recognized expert in the field of asbestos disease epidemiology, is the author of many articles on the subject. You may wish to contact him for additional information.

Sincerely,

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