



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

P. O. BOX 2351
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Lead Industries Association, Inc.
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New York, New York 10017

Gentlemen:

The attached copies of letters are self-explanatory.

We hope you will be able to provide this young student with pertinent material for her Science Fair project. We referred her to your organization because it has been a leader in the dissemination of information about lead.

Thank you for your cooperation.

John W. Knauber
John W. Knauber, Chief
Division of Occupational Health

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Miss Bibiana Brunetti
1520 Madison Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania 18509

Miss Brunetti:

Your letter, addressed to the Department of Health inquiring about lead poisoning, has been referred to our division for many years, the Division of Occupational Health has had a prime interest in lead and its effects on the working population of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that may be exposed to lead. Our Division is also keenly interested in the Science Fair program, having sponsored for the past three years an Occupational Health Award for the project that has the greatest occupational health significance.

As a starting point, we would like to offer as a source of extensive information the following:

Lead Industries Association, Inc.
292 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017
Telephone 212/679-6020

They have available a number of pamphlets that provide much general useful information and maintain a most comprehensive bibliography of references. You might want to contact them either by letter or telephone.

One of the most prolific authors on lead and lead poisoning has been Robert A. Kehoe, M.D., University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. His "Harben Lectures" are famous for the original work presented. This may be available from the Lead Industries Association, or at least a condensation of the Lectures.

Considerable work has been done with lead and its effects on animals and more both in the work environment and in the daily living environment. We would caution that you use adequate precautions in what you do to avoid unnecessary exposure to yourself or those in the same household. Particular care should be taken with lead dusts or fumes.

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It would seem that you would have to decide several things at the outset. You must first decide which animal you will choose for your experimentation. Then, it will be necessary to determine what criteria you will use for establishing lead poisoning and its effects in the animal. Finally, you will have to decide how you will produce these effects — by ingestion, by inhalation or by injection. Perhaps more finally and validly, it would be well to have controls.

We are taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter and this letter to the Lead Industries Association in an effort to speed the development of your project. We extend to you our best wishes for an outstanding experiment. Please keep us informed of your progress and if we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

The attached article "Lead Poisoning" by Dr. Chisolm maybe of some immediate assistance and information to you until you might hear from Lead Industries Association.

Best of luck to you.

John W. Knauber, Chief
Division of Occupational Health

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Lead Industries Association, Inc.

292 Madison Avenue

New York, New York 10017

Dear Sirs:

I will be a sophomore at Bishop Hannan High School in Scranton, Pennsylvania in the coming 1972-1973 year. In anticipation of the Annual Science Fair, I would like to inquire about lead poisoning. My aim is to perform tests concerning lead poisoning on rodents of some sort (preferably gerbils or guinea pigs). Also required besides an actual experiment is a written report on the subject at hand. I would be most grateful for any information that would benefit either the report or experiment.

I have also written to several state and federal agencies. In particular, the State Department of Health, who forwarded my letter to the Department of Environmental Resources in Harrisburg. Mr. Knauber, Chief, Division of Occupational Health recommended your company to me for obtaining extensive information. He mentioned that Dr. Robert Kehoe's "Harben Lectures" are available from Lead Industries Association as well as pamphlets and a bibliography of references on lead poisoning. Mr. Knauber also informed me that he sent my letter to you in advance. Perhaps you have already received it.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Bibiana Brunetti

Bibiana Brunetti

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Dunmore, Penna. 18509

State Department of Health
Harrisburg , Penna.

Dear Sirs:

I Will be a sophomore at Bishop Hannan high school in Scratnotn, Pa. in the coming 1972* 1973 year. In anticipation of the Annual Science Fair, I would like to inquire about lead poisoning. My aim is to experiment with rodents of some sort, (preferably guinea pigs or gerbils) and show the effects of lead poisoning.

Also required with the actual tests is a written report on the subject at hand. If you could possibly send me some information that would benefit either the experiment or report, I would be grateful.

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
(Miss) Bibiana Brunetti

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