

## **Paring Lead in Interior Paint Supported by Lead Industry**

CHICAGO — A spokesman for the nation's lead industry said the industry supports a proposal by the Food and Drug Administration to reduce the maximum lead content of interior paints to 0.05% from 1%.

Speaking at a news briefing on lead in the environment, Dr. Jerome F. Cole, director of environmental health for the Lead Industries Association, said, "the Lead Industries Association has consistently supported and taken leadership in eliminating the use of leaded paints for interiors of dwellings."

"Since the problem of childhood lead poisoning is well defined, action must be taken to adopt standards and regulations to assure that the cause of pediatric lead poisoning—old interior paint—is no longer a problem and to correct the existing situation through education and elimination of old lead-based paints from interior surfaces."

Dr. Cole urged full appropriation of the federal money authorized to fight childhood lead poisoning under the federal Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act that became law last January.

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