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Lead Industries Association, Inc.  
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Dear Don:

On behalf of the State Department of Public Instruction, Art Teachers of the state and all persons concerned with the problem of lead poisoning related to ceramic experiences and kiln firing, I sincerely thank you and the Lead Industries association for your intense interest and concern. The air sample survey of ceramic kilns while firing, that you completed here in Delaware, will certainly assist us in understanding possible levels of lead released in the air.

I have requested a list of the glazes used by each of the art teachers at the schools that we visited during the time of firing during your visit. As soon as these arrive, I will send the lists to you for your file. Should you complete the test on Long Island using similar kilns, the glazes used here and there may make for an interesting comparison. Enclosed is a list of the names of persons that I have contacted regarding the alleged lead poisoning problem here in Delaware. All of these people were most cooperative.

Please extend my sincere appreciation to Dr. Cole of your Association, for his interest and research support. I look forward to receiving a copy of your report and any further data that may be developed.

Sincerely,



James R. Gervan,  
State Supervisor of Art & Music Education

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## LEAD POISONING

The following persons have been contacted regarding various aspects of the problem of lead poisoning relative to glazing ceramic objects, firing ceramic objects, and using glazes containing lead for food or drink containers.

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