

Cleveland

Research Admin.

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Heavy Metal Containing
Utility Paints

Over the past several weeks, this matter has been discussed with laboratory personnel at Chicago, Newark and Gibbstown.

Thus far, we have decided that orders for this material can be handled on an individual basis. At present, lead containing materials can be sold directly to industrial or commercial customers, but we want to eliminate the sale to retail outlets or to painters who might use the material on residences.

Revising labels to exterior use only appears to be a temporary measure and only a "legal factor" in Chicago. On July 1, Chicago will require containers of lead containing paint to be stickered with a new lead caution. The federal proposal will probably ban these lead containing paints.

In my opinion, we should stop making up lead containing material for Goldblatt's. It should meet the same criteria we have set for other retail items; i.e., less than 0.5% lead now and less than .05% lead by October 1.

Similarly, other items that very likely find their way into retail or household use, should meet our lead reduction requirements.

The local Technical Service personnel will help in determining whether compositions meet the requirements.

Copies of batch slips of any material which might be used in the production of these Maxco, or similar items, should be given to Technical Service.

This reply is being forwarded to all Plant Managers and local Technical Service Labs because most plants have a similar situation.

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