

November 8, 1971

Mr. Royal A. Brown
Technical Director
National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association, Inc.
1500 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have noted that the NPVLA has taken a position in support of the recent move by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to reduce the allowable concentration of lead in the dry film of interior paints to 1/2%. The Lead Industries Association has also taken a similar position. However, we have noted that in the Federal Register of Tuesday, November 2, 1971, another proposal was published which would ban all but a trace of lead from any paints which are "intended for interior or exterior use, and packaged in a form suitable for use in the household as defined by Section 191.1(c)". I recognize that this is quite a different matter and wonder if the NPVLA has taken any position or action on this proposed ruling.

Sincerely,

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