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NPCA INDUSTRIAL METALS TASK FORCE

Minutes of the last meeting are attached for your information.

The NPCA Executive Committee has authorized a lead feeding study to determine the "no-effect" level of lead in paint films. Rats will be fed paint films containing 0.06%, 0.5%, and 1.0% (or higher) lead. The rats will then be tested to determine, among other things, the amount of lead assimilated. Depending on the results of this study, the data may be used to challenge the FDA restriction of 0.06% lead in household paints shipped after December 31, 1973.

The FDA recently* reaffirmed the 0.5% lead level after December 31, 1972 but postponed confirmation of the 0.06% level. There is therefore a possibility that this may be revised.

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- * Fed. Register Vol. 37, No. 155, August 10, 1972, pg. 16078 (copy attached).

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