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Dear Wes:

Recently we conducted a patch test for one of our affiliates in which human subjects were exposed to samples of dyed and undyed fabric. Although no normal subjects were sensitized, there were some positive responses to subjects known to be sensitive to paraphenylene diamine. One of the colors involved in the dye system was Disperse Yellow 23 which we understand is manufactured by DuPont. We would certainly appreciate learning if you have had any experience with sensitization or the evoking of a response in sensitized people from contact with this color.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. SCALA, PhD

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Harry Styker, Asst. Chairman W. L. Co. told me via telephone that Disperse Yellow 23 is the color name for our Light Yellow 4RL. Formerly it was called Acetaminic Fast Yellow 4RL. Mr. Styker stated that we have purchased this dye for over 20 years & have not encountered any health problems in its manufacture. No special precautions are utilized other than those consistent with good industrial hygiene practice.

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