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## **Abstract:**

Q. Is common house paint assumed to be a nonasbestos material?

A. Asbestos is not currently known to be used in common house paint. However, for materials other than glass, wood or metal, the only way to ensure that the material does not contain asbestos is to sample and analyze it.

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## **Letter:**

Mr. Gregory Pauley  
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Dear Mr. Pauley:

This is in response to your September 21, 1994 letter in which you wish to confirm an interpretation made by Tom Ripp of my staff during a telephone conversation with you. Specifically, you wish to confirm your understanding that common house paint is assumed to be a nonasbestos material. Additionally, you state that your interpretation is that "add-on" materials shall be analyzed separately and the results reported separately.

As Mr. Ripp stated during your telephone conversation asbestos is not currently known to be used in common house paint. However, for materials other than glass, wood or metal, the only way to ensure that the material does not contain asbestos is to sample and analyze the material for asbestos.

Your second interpretation that "add-on" materials shall be analyzed separately and the results reported separately is correct.

This response has been coordinated with EPA's Office of Regulatory Enforcement. If you have any further questions, please call Tom Ripp of my staff at (703) 308-8727.

Sincerely,

John B. Rasnic, Director  
Manufacturing, Energy, and Transportation Division Office of Compliance