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Ms. Diane Manning  
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Dear Ms Manning:

In response to NIOSH's request for information relevant to the Workers' Family Protection Act, the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program(VOSH) was able to identify three cases related to your study. All three of these cases involved small businesses using lead containing materials.

Inspection #15251408 involved an employee of a small radiator repair shop wearing lead contaminated clothing home. The local health department referred this case to VOSH after identifying elevated blood leads in two small children and discovering that the father worked in a business involving the use of lead.

The second case, inspection #105734081, was referred to the VOSH program by the local health department when a family member was found to have an elevated blood lead. The employer manufactures propane tanks and the exposed employee's duties included painting the valve assembly with a lead paste before insertion in the tanks. It appears that the contamination route was from the hands and fingernails to objects in the home.

An employee complaint, alleging unsafe working conditions in a battery manufacturing facility, resulted in the third inspection(#3307691) involving lead exposure to family members. During the investigation, it was discovered that some workers were taking contaminated clothing home and potentially exposing family members. A referral was made to the local health department to study the family members. This study revealed that two small children were experiencing mildly elevated blood lead levels.

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If you have further questions regarding the above inspections, please feel free to contact Dr. Clarence H. Wheeling (Health Enforcement Director) at 804-786-0574. Should you need copies of any documents related to the above inspections, please address your request to Jay Withrow, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Technical Support at the above address.

I hope the above information is of assistance to you in this important study and that my staff can be of assistance should you need it in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Amato". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Carol A. Amato  
Commissioner