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RESPONSE

Mr. Martin Niebur  
7749 Patton Road  
Dane, WI 53529

Dear Mr. Niebur:

Senator Herb Kohl has asked EPA to respond to the concerns you recently raised with him about the disposal of old paint. Unfortunately, there was not sufficient information provided to know exactly what your concerns are.

Under the Federal rules, containers of old paint that are accumulated in the home may be disposed of as municipal solid waste. They can be placed in the trash along with your other household waste. If your local community operates a household hazardous waste collection or drop-off program, we encourage you to keep these cans separate and take them to the collection center for recycling or disposal at a licensed hazardous waste facility. These programs are usually provided without charge. To find out if your community has such a program, contact your city or county department of environmental services.

If the information provided in this letter does not address your concerns or you have any further questions please feel free to call our toll free hotline for additional assistance. The telephone number is 1-800-424-9346. If they cannot answer your questions directly, they will forward them to the appropriate technical expert for follow-up.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marianne L. Horinko".

Marianne Lamont Horinko  
Assistant Administrator

CC: Senator Herb Kohl

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