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### ***Organic News Blip #28***

#### **TODAYS NEWS:**

- 1 – The price of Sunflower Oil – and other sad stories.***
- 2 – Some facts on lead in cosmetic products – don't panic, do research!***
- 3 – New Organic Ingredient available from Oh, Oh!***

#### ***1 – The price of Sunflower Oil – and other sad stories.***

Org. Sunflower Oil (all sunflower oil in fact) has taken a large increase. All future sales will be at 2.55 per lb. in the 5 gal size. This may come down as the season progresses, but until the industry (and the really big food users) have identified the yield from the worldwide crop, supply will be tight and prices will stay higher. Soy is also in very short supply so has gone up in price as well.

#### ***2 – Some facts on lead in cosmetic products!***

This morning I read an article stating that the EWG accused L'Oreal of having dangerously high levels of lead in their lipsticks. CTFA and other cosmetic oriented organizations stated that the levels were below the EPA limits – so I looked up the EPA limits.

EPA limit – 15 parts per million (This is allowed in your drinking water – bottle or tap!).

EPA limit for toys – 0.1 parts per million (this is because children are little and growing.)

L'Oreal Lipstick measurement – 0.65 parts per million.

My understanding of lead risk is that it is primarily a problem for growing children. It deposits in bones and diminishes bone growth, there can also be brain damage. Lead, like most metals native to earth, is almost always present in minute amounts in the food we eat – it is in the soil and plants pick it up, it is in most drinking water (as are many other trace minerals).

These are some facts I gathered in a few minutes from the EPA web site. I like making informed decisions – when I read that most water (which we drink, use in cooking and bath in) is higher than lipstick by a factor of 15 times, I feel like I can relax about lipstick as a threat to life on earth. Back to worrying about Global Warming – go Organic!

#### ***3 – New Organic Ingredient available from Oh, Oh! Organic Palm Olein & new “soap”!***

Organic Palm Olein is a less expensive replacement for org. soy – and soy may be very hard to get this year. Olein is also more stable than soy. Please call if you have any questions about this product or need more info.

I now have “Made with Organic” Potassium Oliviate. This product is made from Org. EV Olive Oil. It is milder, although still a high pH. A really nice material. Please let me know if you want a sample.

Take care of the future now – Gay Timmons 408.623.7117 10/19/07