

April 1, 2026

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Subject: Request for Testing and Review of Sand-Based Children’s Products for Potential Asbestos Contamination

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Dear Administrator Zeldin and Commissioner Feldman:

- Richard Lemen, PhD, MSPH, Co-Chair

On behalf of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), I write to bring to your attention recent international recalls of children’s toys and craft materials containing sand or mineral fillers that were found to be contaminated with asbestos fibers. Asbestos is a known carcinogen that causes more than 200,000 deaths worldwide each year, including approximately 40,000 in the United States, and there is no safe level of exposure.

- Dr. Brad Black

Investigations in Australia and the United Kingdom have identified asbestos contamination in products marketed for children’s crafts and play, including sand art kits, decorative craft sand, and novelty toys filled with sand. Laboratory analyses detected asbestos minerals, including tremolite, actinolite, and chrysotile, in certain samples. In response, regulatory authorities issued recalls and removed affected products from the market.

- Dr. Barry Castleman

Because children frequently pour, shake, and handle sand during craft and sensory activities, regulators in these countries have determined that any detectable level of asbestos in children’s products is unacceptable.

- Dr. Raja Flores

Although similar recalls have not been reported in the United States, comparable products remain widely available through domestic retailers and online marketplaces, including:

- Dr. Michael Harbut

- Colored sand art craft kits
- Decorative craft sand sold in art stores
- Sandbox play sand
- Kinetic or moldable sand products
- Sensory play sand used in classrooms and early childhood settings

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Many of these materials are derived from natural mineral deposits that may co-occur with asbestos. Without appropriate screening using advanced analytical methods, such as Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM), trace asbestos fibers may go undetected.

In light of the recent international recalls and the widespread availability of similar products in the United States, ADAO respectfully requests that the Consumer Product Safety Commission, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency:

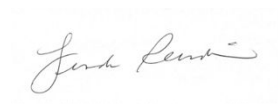
- Review recall data and testing methodologies reported by regulators in [Australia](#) and the [United Kingdom](#).
- Conduct targeted testing of sand-based children's products sold in the United States, including colored craft sand, sand art kits, and sand-filled toys.
- Evaluate whether current safety standards adequately address the risk of asbestos contamination in products containing natural mineral materials.

Asbestos exposure is a well-established cause of serious diseases, including mesothelioma, lung cancer, and asbestosis. Given the long latency period of these diseases, preventing exposure, particularly during childhood, is essential to protecting public health.

For more than two decades, ADAO has worked to raise awareness of asbestos-related risks and to advance prevention policies in the United States and globally. As ADAO's co-founder and president, I remain available as a resource on the impact of asbestos contamination on children, parents, consumers, and public health.

Thank you for your attention to this important public health and consumer safety matter.

Sincerely,



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