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Re: Article in the *Journal of Occupational Environmental Hygiene*

Dear Ms. Ruff,

In follow-up to your letters of July 28, 2016 and September 25, 2016, we are writing to inform you that the authors have decided to withdraw the article by Lotter et al., titled "Airborne asbestos exposures associated with the installation and removal of asbestos-containing roofing products." The Board of Directors affirms our initial opinion, that the manuscript, which is a literature review, should have been submitted as a Review article, rather than as a Column article. As a result, the manuscript did not receive the peer review to which a Review article is subject. The JOEH Board of Directors is reviewing and updating the Journal's procedures and policies to prevent similar situations from occurring in the future.

We appreciate your interest in the *Journal*.

Sincerely,



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