

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

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NEW YORK February 4, 1929.

Dr. R. A. Kehoe,
College of Medicine,
Eden & Bethesda Avenues,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Attached hereto is a letter from Kaley regarding the method of his handling the leaking drum of ETHYL fluid of the Pennzoil Company last November.

This is somewhat contradictory to the information that we both received from other sources. I don't know which is correct and it is no use continuing the discussion but thought that you should have his viewpoint.

Yours very truly,

Edmund

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January 29, 1929.

Mr. E. M. Walter,

Dear Ed:

In accordance with your request of January 28th, for information concerning the method used in the transfer of fluid from a leaky drum for the Pennzoil Company in November, 1928, I submit the following report.

Upon my arrival in Oil City, I inspected the drum in question at the freight depot. It had a small leak at the chime weld on one side at one end. Loss of fluid appeared to have been slight. I ordered the drum taken to the Pennzoil Plant and there placed it in position for transfer beside another empty (ETHYL fluid) drum, the weight of which had been checked and recorded. There was absolutely no loss of fluid from the drum enroute from the depot or in placing it in position for transfer. The transfer was made using a hand-operated centrifugal pump. The suction barrel of the pump was more than sufficient to reach the bottom of the full drum. The pump outlet was cord-metal-lined hose. This was placed in the empty drum and the pumping operation carried out until complete transfer had been made. Bungs were placed in both drums immediately. As soon as the transfer was completed a large quantity of kerosene was run through the pump and the outside thoroughly cleansed with kerosene. The few drops which had been spilled when the pump was removed from the drum were also washed clean.

The entire operation was carried on out of doors by the employee of Pennzoil who is regularly engaged by them in the mixing of Ethyl Gasoline. He was fully equipt according to specifications with rubber boots, gloves, and gas mask, during the entire operation. He was the only man in close proximity to the drums from the time the bungs were removed till they were replaced. Those of us present not actually engaged remained at the windward side where fluid odors were only slightly apparent. So far as I know no one present received any fluid on his person or inhaled any detrimental fumes.

During our convention at Detroit, I discussed this matter with Dr. Kehoe and repeated the procedure I had used. He expressed his approval of the same.

I trust all the details of this incident are herein covered but in case you desire any further information regarding it, I shall be glad to comply with any request.

Very truly yours,

H. W. KALEY

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