

December 1, 1936

Mr. J. C. Taylor,

Attention: Mr. O. B. Lewis

Dear Oscar:

We are attaching copy of a letter written by our
Mr. Colvin giving information on his safety survey of the Texas
Company terminal at Detroit, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Boulreau

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J. E. Boulreau

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cc: Dr. M. A. Kehoe ✓

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Chicago, Illinois,
November 12, 1936

Mr. J. L. Boudreau,

Safety survey - Texas Co. terminal,
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Jim:

Questionnaire forms on tanks at the Detroit terminal of Texas Company were made out by Mr. J. L. Biggs, superintendent, and sent to their New York office. The following is a report on my contact pending return of the forms to me for further details.

Personnel - Mr. J. L. Biggs, superintendent. Mr. E. E. McLaren is tank cleaning supervisor; also examined operator of the blending installation.

General safety - small number of employees (4) advise every man on the safety committee.

Tank cleaning - is regularly scheduled for all tanks every year except those in loaded service, which are cleaned every two years. Only three of their thirteen tanks that have at one time or another contained loaded gasoline are in loaded service now, or have been since a cleaning. One of these is scheduled for cleaning when the ice thaws in the water bottom in the spring.

Tank cleaning is done by Mr. McLaren and three other yard men merely by hosing down the walls after airing the tank (2 days to a week) until gas-free by Burroil Gas Indicator. Bottoms are shoveled out and dumped. Serial face canister masks are used. I was told that on loaded tanks every instruction would be followed in the future.

Only the three tanks in loaded service since a last cleaning were equipped with the warning plates. The rules poster is being framed for hanging in the Ethyl building.

Tankcar cleaning - is merely sweeping out the cars as necessary, occupying some 45 minutes each morning for those on the loading racks. Half-face canister masks are used.

There is no laboratory handling of fluid.

Lake shipping -- is all done in the one steamer Maine. Its unpainted tanks require yearly cleaning, done by the ship's own crew. The ship is headquartered at this terminal over the winter but directed by their marine department in the Chicago office, Mr. E. A. Roberts.

Glycerine -- nothing had been heard of the idea. I would recommend that it not be added to this small 1000 gallon weightank, at least until we know whether or not present efforts will eliminate blending here.

Very truly

C. E. Colvin

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