

Copy to Dr. R. A. Kehoe.

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Mr. E. W. Webb,
President,
Ethyl Export Corporation,
NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Webb,

I have this morning received a letter from Rik Tegner written from Batavia. He mentions that one of the strongest objections to the use of Lead in motor spirit in the East has been caused, in his opinion, by letters written to the local Standard-Vacuum Offices by their people in New York, concerning the precautions necessary when handling Ethyl Aviation gasoline.

New York, apparently, have advised their representatives that rubber gloves should be worn when any gasoline containing Tetraethyl Lead is handled, and further that Kerosene should be available to wash the hands in case any spillage occurs. Again employees have been given instructions to wash carefully with soap and water before eating food or smoking. These instructions have been carefully posted at all drum filling and other depots where Ethyl gasoline is being continuously handled, and the result is that the local representatives of the Standard-Vacuum are thoroughly scared, since they have not been given any sound explanation or reasons for these regulations.

Tegner is discussing the matter with the local office of the Standard-Vacuum in Hong Kong, but I think this is another point which it would be wise to discuss with their people in New York so that, if possible, they can rectify the impression which has been built up in the minds of their local companies.

Yours very truly,

R. A. Kehoe

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