

April 19, 1946

Mr. D. A. Kohr,
The Lowe Brothers Company,
Dayton F2, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Kohr:

I have been considering what should be done with respect to a further hygienic survey of your plant, in discussions with Dr. Hyder and Mr. Cholak, who is in charge of our analytical work both in the Laboratory and in the course of surveys of this type. It is something of a problem to determine just how much work should be done, since neither you nor we want the inconvenience and expense of unnecessary work. There are two possibilities either one of which will be entirely acceptable to us, which offer the best solution of this problem. Mr. Cholak has set down in the form of a memorandum a number of questions, or rather a number of notes which indicate in a general way the type of information we need. I am sending you a copy of this memorandum which I think will be self explanatory. In our feeling the answer to these questions could best be obtained by a conference with someone of your group who is fully informed in these matters. This could be done in the course of a visit to your plant, or alternately one of your men could confer with Mr. Cholak, and if need be with me also, here at the Laboratory. On the basis of either arrangement we could determine just what is to be tested for on the basis of the apparent significance of the potential hazard, and we could get a very clear idea of the amount of sampling that would have to be done, the methods required for analysis and the amount of work which would be required to do the job. On this basis we could make an estimate of the cost with a very high degree of precision.

I do not mean to indicate that we believe that any large sum of money is involved. On the other hand, the expense of the work might be two or three times as much as is necessary to accomplish the desired practical result, unless we have a clear understanding of what and how much we are to do before we actually begin.

If you will indicate which of the above procedures you prefer, we shall be guided accordingly.

Cordially yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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