

August 25, 1932

Mr. E. W. Webb  
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation  
Chrysler Building  
New York City  
New York

Dear Mr. Webb:

In your letter of August 11th, you enclosed a letter from Mr. Longaker, Assistant to the President of the Texas Company, describing their method of cleaning tanks which have contained Ethyl Gasoline.

In my opinion, the method which Mr. Longaker has outlined is entirely satisfactory for the purpose. In fact I do not believe there is any appreciable danger in cleaning these tanks if the inside of the tank is kept moist at all times.

The letter which I sent out and which evidently came to Mr. Longaker's desk, was designed not so much to suggest changes in the methods of cleaning tanks as to obtain information as to the exact methods which are now in use. I sent out letters to a number of the larger refineries asking for this information with the idea that I would incorporate in the rules and regulations certain suggestions for combating any lead hazard which might be present. I did not want to issue a rule which would interfere in any way with satisfactory practices in the various refineries, and it seemed advisable, therefore, to know what was being done before my getting my foot in it by suggesting changes. I now have replies from a number of representative refinery managers and I find that we shall be in position to suggest what may be done without making ourselves objectionable in any way to the refinery managers.

I am returning herewith the original letter from Mr. Longaker.

Very truly yours,

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# ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

CHRYSLER BUILDING  
135 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK August 11, 1932

INTER-OFFICE  
CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,  
College of Medicine,  
Eden & Bethesda Aves.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I have the pleasure of knowing Mr. Longaker, Assistant to Mr. Holmes, President of the Texas Company, quite well indeed. I see him perhaps not less than once a week somewhere in the building--you know their main office is in this building--and we quite frequently discuss Ethyl matters.

Apparently Mr. Dellinger, Superintendent of their Port Arthur Works, referred your letter to him of June 21st to the New York office for the purpose of establishing a policy applicable to the Texas Company generally dealing with the method of cleaning storage tanks and tank cars which have contained Ethyl Gasoline.

Today I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Longaker attaching a copy of yours to Mr. Dellinger.

I would be pleased to have your advice as to whether the method employed as outlined by Mr. Longaker meets the situation you had in mind, and if not, in what respect.

Kindly enclose Mr. Longaker's original letter for our file.

Very truly yours,

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