

ETHYL CORPORATION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO Dr. R. A. Kehoe DATE July 21, 1950

FROM H. K. Ball SUBJECT Eastern States Pet. Co.
Houston, Texas

Mr. L. H. Brown, safety director for Eastern States Petroleum Company, has advised our people in Houston Mr. [REDACTED] fired one month ago, claims he has lead poisoning. Mr. [REDACTED] was a laborer for this company. He called on one doctor, whose name is not yet known, who stated he did not have lead poisoning. Following this he went to the Jeff Davis Hospital in Houston and was advised he did have lead poisoning.

The insurance agent for Eastern States is the Rosenbush Company, who represent the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. According to our records Mr. [REDACTED] was involved in the cleaning of tank No. 108 which started November 16, 1949 and ended November 18, 1949. The tank cleaning records do not show this man having entered this tank while our representatives were present. This was listed as an unleaded tank and some entries were made before the Ethyl Corporation was notified. This tank was 94,000 barrels in capacity and according to our lead-in-air test, the highest lead reading obtained at any time was 15 mg. per cubic ft. of air.

Eastern States has merely requested that our Medical Department be notified but did not wish us to take any kind of action. We understand our Houston office was notified a month ago regarding this circumstance. At that time the call from Eastern States was merely an inquiry as to what our records showed on this tank cleaning. We were advised to wait until we heard further from Eastern States.

We will keep you posted of any further developments.

Very truly yours,

H. K. BALL

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