

October 29, 1936

Mr. J. C. Taylor
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Attention: Mr. O. B. Lewis

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for the folders on Davis air-line equipment and for your notations on rubber boots.

It has been our intention to inspect the equipment of a number of companies with the idea of recommending the products of certain or all of them.

The instruction sheets for the purchase of clothing have already been forwarded to the safety men and to their respective division offices. I am sending along herewith, our remaining copies in the event you wish to use them yourself.

I am happy to see that you are going ahead with the list of past and present blending companies. That is the information of which we will be in immediate need. Insofar as the very much larger number of marketing companies and distributors is concerned, you can complete that information for us at your leisure, as we will not begin consideration of those groups for some little time.

I have just this moment received your letter of October 27 with the quotation from the letter of H. K. Ball referring to an explosion which occurred within the tank as a consequence of washing with water. I believe that it is a generally recognized practice to ground all water and steam lines that are used within tanks where explosive mixtures may be encountered. But apparently the practice is not as general a one as we had believed and it would seem, therefore, that we should accompany our tank cleaning rules and regulations with a set of specific instructions which will embody all of the standard safety precautions relat-

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ing to fire, etc., as well as those more directly concerned with lead hazard. If you will complete a list of items such as these, we will do the same and make it a point to get together in a month or so to work on an amplification of our present rules and regulations.

In the meantime, it might also be a good idea for you to address the principal offices of several of the oil companies and request a copy of the existing safety rules for tank cleaning.

Very truly yours,

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