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Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Our safety engineers have recently supervised the cleaning or repairing of tanks having floating roofs in which a question arises upon which I should like to have your opinion.

These tanks are customarily cleaned with the roof in a down position, that is from 4 to 6' off the bottom. Workers congregate upon the roof and open manheads for ventilation or remove the patent slide plates and work of similar nature. I feel sure that when such tank is gassy, a fire and explosion hazard exists around such openings. But the particular question I should like to ask you is whether or not, if such a tank contains significant amounts of organic lead, workmen operating as they customarily do without masks of any kind would be exposed to a lead hazard?

Very truly yours,

O. B. Lewis.

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