

ETHYL CORPORATION OF CANADA LIMITED

Memorandum of
Meeting with Bureau of Industrial Hygiene
Department of Health and Public Welfare
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Subject: HIGHER TETRAETHYL LEAD CONTENT IN MOTOR FUEL

The meeting was held on Monday, January 11, 1960, at 10:00 A.M. at the Bureau of Industrial Hygiene, 320 Sherbrook Street W., Winnipeg. Present were Mr. W.M. Ward, Public Health Chemist, Mr. M.V. Lysyk, Assistant Chemist, Mr. Thomas Lackey, Chief Public Health Engineer, Mr. A.C. Tully and Dr. D.R. Warren. Dr. Emanuel Snell, Medical Consultant to the Bureau of Industrial Hygiene, was unable to be present. Dr. Snell serves part time in this capacity, being chiefly employed as an epidemiologist in the Department of Health and Public Welfare.

Mr. Ward is in reality the functional head of the Bureau since the former director, Dr. Hugh Malcolmson, left the Bureau for a geriatrics assignment in the Welfare Branch. Mr. Ward has been with the Bureau for some 15 years and, with his assistants, carries on a varied program of occupational health activities extending to the limits of the province, in some instances 700 miles north. Close liaison is maintained with the Environmental Health Centre of the Occupational Health Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare in Ottawa. Due to the pressure of other activities the Bureau is pleased to have as much assistance

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as they can obtain from Ottawa. This feeling exists in the provinces where industrial hygiene is not adequately staffed, and there is no detected feeling that the central government is encroaching on the province's domain. It is obvious, of course, that Dr. Patterson's staff in Ottawa make sure they do not do so.

Mr. Tully outlined the purpose of our visit, the economic justification for the increased allowable limit of tetraethyl lead in motor fuel, and the corporation's desire to acquaint Departments of Health of our plans.

Although conscious of air pollution even in the city of Winnipeg, which is the main population center in Manitoba, Mr. Ward did not appear concerned about the proposed increase to 4 ml. He expressed pleasure that the company would take the trouble to keep them informed and preclude the possibility of them not having the information if questions arose.

Dr. Warren outlined the interest of the company in the industrial hygiene of tetraethyl lead over the past 30 or more years, and invited Mr. Ward to visit the Sarnia plant and the analytical laboratory at the Sarnia General Hospital, if he were in the area.

The meeting concluded about noon.

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