

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

MANUFACTURING AND TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY
TO: CHRYSLER BUILDING
405 LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK CITY

September 27, 1938

Dr. R. A. Kehoe.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

In reply to your letter of September 21st regarding the handling of tetraethyl by the Eli Lilly Company in Indianapolis, I have some recollection of having some discussion with you on this subject. I have looked over my files here in New York and at Deepwater and can find no trace of any correspondence.

Relying on memory, it is my belief that during last October or November when we discussed a similar situation with the Dow Chemical Company at Midland, I called to your attention that we were also shipping small quantities of tetraethyl lead to both Eli Lilly and the Eastman Kodak Company, and suggested that we might investigate the manner in which these two companies were also handling tetraethyl lead. I questioned Mr. Lewis about this and he also has somewhat of a similar recollection. Presumably nothing further was done.

As to the arrangements made for furnishing a supply to these houses, I believe that probably this might have been handled through Mr. Mittnacht many years ago, because we have been making shipments ever since I can remember. I believe originally that shipments to Eastman were permitted to take care of requests for small quantities of tetraethyl as a C.P. chemical. I believe, however, in the case of Eli Lilly that it is used as an intermediate in the preparation of certain pharmaceuticals; I am not too certain about this, however.

We are still furnishing both companies in small quantities and since you mention the matter, I would like to repeat my previous recommendation that some investigation be undertaken toward the end of making certain that sufficient safety measures are observed.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Schaefer

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September 21, 1938

Mr. John Schaefer
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
Chrysler Building
New York City
New York

Dear Mr. Schaefer:-

Some questions have come up in connection with the handling of tetraethyl lead by the Eli Lilly Company in Indianapolis which may require some investigation of their procedures. I do not want to make any move in this matter until I am quite certain as to all the circumstances connected with it. I have looked over my files in vain for any correspondence that would indicate that this matter had ever been taken up with me in writing, or that we have ever conveyed any information to the Lilly people on the subject. I would appreciate it very much if you would let me have any information which you have on this matter. Also if you could refer me to the person or persons through whom the arrangement was made for furnishing a supply of tetraethyl lead to them.

Obviously I shall not concern myself with this situation if it is not within my province and I do not wish to make any move until I am in possession of the facts.

Very truly yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

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