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Dr. Robert Keogh
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Dear Dr. Keogh:

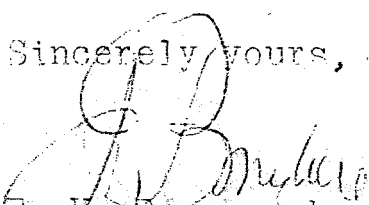
In the City of West Allis, located in an industrial area, there is a firm, known as the ALLIED SMELTING COMPANY, whose entire occupation consists in the reclaiming of lead from discarded storage batteries, most of them automobile batteries. We have been, for a long time, in receipt of repeated complaints of obnoxious odors, emanating from this plant, principally, hydrogen sulphide, and sometimes apparently, sulphur dioxide.

They make a practice, as I understand it, of burning the wooden separators in such batteries, and of melting and reclaiming the lead. At one time, there was a smoke problem, but that has been fairly well abated, but the dissemination of the obnoxious sulphide odor has continued, and the operators of the plant claim that they do not know of any means of abating such odors.

I am wondering if you are conversant with the similar complaints originating in other communities, from the same type of process, and if so, whether or not you would be able to suggest to us any remedy we might require them to install.

I wish to thank you very much for any information you might be able to give us.

Sincerely yours,


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