

Copy: Dr. R. A. Kehoe
Mr. E. Walter

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

MAIL ADDRESS: BOX 688, WILMINGTON, DEL.
FREIGHT ADDRESS: CARNEY'S POINT, N. J.
TELEPHONE: PENNSGROVE, N. J. 280, EXTENSION 213

January 2, 1935

Memorandum: Mr. A. E. Mittnacht.

On Monday, December 31, H. G. Cline Motor Transportation Company picked up five empty drums at Standard of New Jersey's Bayonne drum mixing installation. We had requested Cline to pick these up on the strength of a letter received from Julian Gonzalez, copy attached.

A very serious incident took place on which I think a complete investigation should be made. Before the mixing installation operator would release these drums to Cline they were openly steamed with a result that the two Jersey operators as well as Cline's men were exposed to the fumes coming out with the steam vapors. Mr. Hitchner, the driver, says that he experienced a great deal of coughing and sneezing and that on Monday night when he returned home he had a severe headache. The driver attempted to discourage the practice but of course could not interfere unduly and since the operator was particularly insistent that the procedure be done he was therefore powerless to object any further. Also the operator would not allow Cline's driver to load these drums on the truck with the bungs in the drums. He insisted that the bungs be kept out at least until he got off the premises.

The five drum numbers are as follows:

28 5579 6588 14735 687

These drums were originally shipped to the Standard Oil Company of Cuba and apparently returned to Standard's Bayonne Terminal where Cline was requested to pick them

J. H. Schaefer

JHS:S

KE 0000724

C O P Y

December 26, 1934

Mr. John Schaefer,

Dear John:

We have received advice that West India Oil Company have returned 5 empty drums which are now in the barrel yard at Standard of New Jersey's Bayonne plant.

Would you kindly arrange to pick these up.
We are enclosing herewith delivery order to cover.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Gonzalez

O:M

KE 0000725