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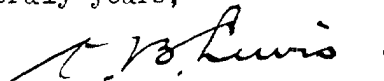
Dr. W. F. Machle
Kettering Laboratory of Applied Physiology
College of Medicine
Eden Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Bill,

Attached hereto are copies of two letters from the West Coast. Asking our oil companies to gather samples for us does not appear the correct method of doing this job. I think you made it clear at Cincinnati why this should be done by our men themselves, except in real emergencies.

I wonder now if we could not compose a letter setting forth your views on this subject, so that there could be no further question on how our men should proceed. I also believe you told me water bottom samples were no longer necessary, so we might include this in a general letter to all of our men if you think it advisable.

Very truly yours,



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Los Angeles, California

April 26, 1937

Mr. J. C. Taylor

Attention: Mr. O. B. Lewis

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I have taken up the matter of cleaning tanks and obtaining samples from tanks used for storing leaded gasoline in the field with the various sales engineers of companies operating in this territory. In view of the fact that it is not always possible for them to notify us in time to have one of our men present when tanks are cleaned, I have requested the different sales engineers when it is not possible for us to be present for a cleaning, to secure samples from these tanks which we will later pick up and forward to our Cincinnati Laboratory.

These samples will be collected in accordance with the instructions that have been issued to our safety engineers, and of course the cleaning will also be done in accordance with our rules and regulations.

I am attaching hereto copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Power of the Union Oil Company with reference to samples.

Trusting my decision in this matter will meet with your approval, I am,

Very truly yours,

S. M. WAGNER

By (S) T. E. Zadra

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April 26, 1937

Mr. Eugene Power
The Union Oil Company
617 West 7th Street
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Power:

With reference to our phone conversation this morning relative to obtaining samples of sludge, side scale, and water bottom from tanks in the field which have been used for storing leaded gasoline.

In cases where possible we would appreciate knowing in advance the location of the plant where tanks are to be cleaned so that we might have our representative present to secure these samples. On the other hand, if time does not permit having one of our representatives present, we would greatly appreciate your instructing the men engaged in this work to secure from each tank approximately one gallon of bottom water, one quart jar of bottom sludge, and one quart jar of side scale.

Kindly advise our Los Angeles office in either event; that is to say, either have our representative collect these samples, or where it is possible, obtain these samples after they have been secured by your men.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

S. M. WAGNER

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