

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

CHRYSLER BUILDING
135 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK September 24, 1931.

INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. R. A. Kehoe,

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

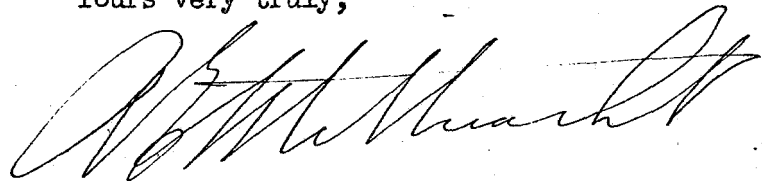
Attached hereto is original file of correspondence I have had with Bob Jordan with regard to the use of small quantities of ETHYL fluid in the field which the Indiana Company have apparently withdrawn from the drums of this material that we ship to their refineries.

Bob isn't very specific about the number of instances in which this has occurred, nor the quantity involved, but from his letters it would seem that it is a fairly common practice with them.

We can take it up if you wish, but I am rather inclined to believe you will prefer and that it would be better for you to go into this question with Dr. Morton or anyone else with whom you take up such matters.

In any case, I would like to have your advice as to how you think it should be handled and after it has served your purpose will you please return the file attached hereto.

Yours very truly,



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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

CHICAGO OFFICE
310 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 29, 1931

INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. A. E. Mittnacht,

Dear Art:

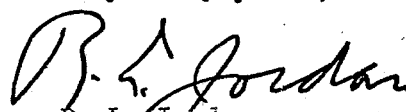
This is in reply to your letter of recent date regarding the Standard Oil Company of Indiana making special mixes. This information was sent to you about a month ago but at that time we did not have enough definite information on the matter to take any action. I have been trying to obtain all the facts possible from their various refineries. From what we find out, they are still making special mixes by loading tank cars extra heavy and in some cases they have even filled five gallon cans with Ethyl fluid and shipped it out to their bulk plants where they gasoline in storage has been diluted.

Our Mr. Kuhe called at Whiting just the other day and they insisted that this happened only once or twice a month but we have heard from some of the other men on the job that this happens quite often. We can hardly go to the officials and tell them that the men are giving us this information without jeopardizing the man's position with the company.

I think the best method to attempt to correct this situation is through Dr. Kehoe and Dr. Morton of the Safety Department of Standard for it seems that when these orders go out to the refinery, they are signed by one of the directors of Standard and there is nothing else the refinery employee can do but follow instructions. I am sure this matter can be corrected by Dr. Kehoe and Dr. Morton.

I also understand there have been a few special mixes at their Wood River, Illinois refinery. If I get any more information on this matter, I will pass it on to you.

Very truly yours,


R. L. Jordan

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us for Aug. 31st

August 24, 1931.

Mr. R. L. Jordan,

Dear Bob:

Under date of August 1 wrote you as per attached copy of letter. We have not as yet had a reply. We would appreciate your advice on this subject.

Yours very truly,

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*Subscribed
Aug 23/31*

August 3, 1931.

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Mr. R. L. Jordan,

Dear Bob:

I certainly agree with you that we should use every effort to dissuade the Standard of Indiana people from shipping concentrated fluid around to their various distributing points. However, your letter does not give very many details and I would appreciate it if you would advise just how much of this has been going on, why it is necessary, whether the concentrated Ethyl fluid is sent out or whether they over-dope some quantity of gasoline and if so, how much lead is contained in it. As you probably know, Dr. Kehoe is away for quite a few weeks on an expedition into Mexico. He has had more success in handling matters with these people than have the rest of us. I would hesitate a little to start Dr. Machle on a campaign to clear up this situation. However, if you will give us as many details as you can learn, I will then give further consideration to the best manner of handling it.

Yours very truly,

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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

CHICAGO OFFICE
310 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE.

READ BY

INTER-OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 27, 1931

E.W.D. _____
A.E.M. _____ *W*
J.C.T. _____
E.M.W. _____
H.W.K. _____
T.E.R. _____
L.P.L. _____

Mr. A. E. Mittnacht,

Dear Art:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter received by this office from the Standard Oil Company regarding a drum they are now holding at Whiting, Indiana.

You will note that they state they have kept some of these drums for treating gasoline with Ethyl fluid. I have felt for sometime that there has been too much of this special mixing going on at Whiting. When Mr. Siebenthaler was here about two weeks ago, we did considerable checking into this matter and he is going to take it up with Dr. Morton from a safety point of view since we are apparently unable to get any cooperation from the refinery.

If there is any possible way to do so, I think we should refuse to supply such points with drums of Ethyl fluid in order to minimize the number of these special mixes.

At Whiting they placed a bleeder valve in the line of the tank car mixing installation but I had them remove it so as to do away with the possibility of their taking any concentrated fluid from this installation. If we continue to ship to these people drums of Ethyl fluid, I feel sure they will continue to make these special mixes whenever there has been a car of Ethyl mixed with white gasoline.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Jordan
R. L. Jordan

RLJ:N

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STANDARD OIL COMPANY
910 S. MICHIGAN AVE.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 24, 1931

Mr. R. L. Jordan
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation,
310 South Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of July 20 concerning
Drum #10-215 which you say was shipped to Whiting on
Jan. 2, 1930 and is still in our possession.

This drum was received at Whiting on Jan 9, 1931.
It is now empty and will be shipped to your firm with
the next shipment of empty drums. The delay was
occasioned by the fact that a few drums of Ethyl fluid
were retained at Whiting after the installation of facil-
ities for handling ethyl fluid in tank cars. The material
from this drum has been used in shipments to our bulk
stations where it was desired to ethylize small quantities
of gasoline. As you know, it is impossible to secure
undiluted ethyl fluid from the large bulk storage. We
have recently placed an order for a drum of ethyl fluid
to take care of orders for small quantities of fluid.

Yours truly,

(Signed) R. E. Humphreys

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