

November 16, 1937

Mr. H. R. Berg
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
1917 Buchanan Street
North Kansas City
Missouri

Dear Mr. Berg:-

Thanks very much for your letter of November 13th in which you enclose a copy of Mr. Johnson's weekly letter which, among other things, describes the case of Mr. [REDACTED] of Neodesha, Kansas.

I shall take no action on this matter unless some further circumstance makes it necessary. However it may be just as well for you to tell Mr. Johnson that if this case is discussed with him again by Mr. Hibbs, he is at liberty to quote me in saying that the behavior of this man corresponds closely to that of a number of other cases of gasoline dermatitis that have come to our attention. It seems quite clear that certain people develop a sensitivity to gasoline, liquid or vapor, so that they develop a dermatitis on very slight contact. This type of dermatitis often clears up completely and quickly after cessation of exposure, but returns promptly with the renewal of exposure. Such persons often have to discontinue any occupation which involves contact with gasoline, although sometimes they lose their sensitivity after a long or short period of absence from exposure.

Very truly yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

cc Mr. Lewis

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