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Dr. Karl Kraze,  
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Dear Dr. Kraze,

On looking through my note-book, I find that I neglected to discuss with you one point which came to my attention at the time of my inspection of the plant at Capel. It seems worth while to call your attention to this matter and to ask you to take it up with the management at Capel.

You will remember that I noticed the smell of Tetraethyl Lead and its decomposition products as we approached the T.E.L. building. In fact, I must have been 50 or 60 feet away from it when I first noticed this smell. We traced it to an outside pit to the left of the pavement, into which all the contaminated waters from the plant are collected before going to the sludge pit. Most of the contaminated water comes, I believe, from the blender. Despite the fact that the organic lead compounds are supposed to be decomposed by sulphuryl chloride, there was a sufficient quantity of T.E.L. to smell to high heaven.

This situation should not be permitted to exist in an otherwise excellent plant. This is a defect which might conceivably give rise to apprehension and perhaps even serious difficulty among workmen who may be exposed from time to time. Everything is taken care of so well that this seems to me quite an unnecessary opportunity for exposure.

I should strongly recommend, therefore, that this pit should be so ventilated that the vapours from it would not escape into the area immediately around it. This could be done, I believe, with very little expense and with very little inconvenience, and I think it should be done promptly.

Please accept my thanks for conveying this recommendation to Dr. Scholl and to anyone else who should be advised.

With cordial greetings,  
Sincerely yours,

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