

→ cc- Dr. R.A. Kehoe

July 20, 1938

Mr. M. A. Taylor

Dear Mat:

The following is my report for the week ending July 16th.

We received a complaint from the G.L.F. Cooperative Inc. at Ithaca, N.Y., that one of their men had developed considerable unexplained stomach trouble. In our investigation, we learned that this man started working in their Company gasoline station in Ithaca last February. They believed he had some possible exposure with leaded gasoline which caused this condition. They were interested in having us prove or disprove this theory as his own doctor cannot diagnose the condition. We personally do not believe, in fact we are certain, that his working in the service station had nothing to do with his condition. He has since been transferred to another part of the Company and has had no trouble during the past two weeks. We have suggested to them that they let the case ride unless further developments take place. The man, himself, knows nothing of the Company's beliefs in this matter.

A tank was cleaned by the Cities Service Refining Co. at New Haven, Conn. This tank was a small horizontal affair and actually required little or no supervision. This Company was very anxious that we be on hand to supervise, so we made the trip to cooperate with them. The tank was flushed out with water which was drained into a tank truck and disposed of in the proper manner. A slight deviation was made from our regulations which, although we were opposed to, had no effect in exposing the men. The clothing worn by the men in this work was their old work clothing, in fact the oldest they could find. When they were through with this clothing at the end of the day, it was turned over to the plant superintendent, who in turn supplied them with new clothing for their own use. He pointed out that this gave him a chance to do something for the men, who did this work.

It so happens that another tank will have to be cleaned within a short time. We pointed out that special clothing will again have to be provided and that by the method he is following it will be necessary to buy two sets of equipment for each man, where one would be normally needed. He did not seem to be concerned about this so we did not press the matter, as he will have to stand the increased expense.

While in lower Connecticut a stop was made in the New York office where a discussion was had with Mr. Lewis and Mr. Schell on Safety Work. Numerous problems pertaining to the various mixing installations were discussed as well as problems in general on Safety Work. The writer secured some valuable information which will help him in carrying out some of his ideas in the field

Yours very truly,

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