

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

October 17, 1935

Mr. H. R. Boehmer
Standard Oil Company Refinery
Sugar Creek, Missouri

Dear Mr. Boehmer:

My associate Dr. Sanders [redacted] attention to his recent examination of [redacted] and to his letter of October 9th addressed [redacted]. I wish to take this means of calling your attention to a point which I think is of considerable importance both to us in this laboratory, and to your company. The circumstances associated with the early lead exposure of your Mr. [redacted] are matters of ancient history and we need not dwell on them unnecessarily at this time. I do wish to point out, however, that Mr. [redacted] exposure was the result of deliberate violation of the rules and regulations which we have prescribed for the handling of Ethyl Gasoline. In as much as you were in no way responsible for these violations, my remarks are not addressed to you critically but rather to point out that we are not in position to assume any responsibility for the safety of men whose acts are in violation of the instructions which have been provided. In Mr. [redacted] instance it would be difficult, if not impossible, to prove that any unusual type of vague illness was not due to an unusual exposure to tetra-ethyl lead. Thus, if he were to come to the conclusion that his illness was due to his exposure, there would be no adequate defense possible against his claim for we ourselves would not be able to say that his lead exposure had been an insignificant item in his illness. *Fluid*

I trust that incidents of this type will not occur again, and I bespeak your cooperation in the avoidance of situations of this kind.

Very truly yours,

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