

October 30, 1937

Mr. O. B. Lewis
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New York City
New York

Dear Mr. Lewis:-

Concerning your memorandum of October 27th on the means of obtaining information about tank cleaning activities abroad, I think it will be very useful to have the information outlined in your form. The use of this precise form may or may not be feasible. Therefore I should feel that it is probably wise to send a single copy of such a form to Messieurs Bevan, Tully and Roberts, pointing out that this is the type of information that we would like to have, explaining the reasons for desiring the information under these different headings, and suggesting that they adapt their inquiry in accordance with the circumstances as they exist in the different countries which are under their supervision. They will then be able to obtain the information as far as it is possible to do so by members of their own division. It would seem to me that what we want to do is to have each one of these men obtain as much of the precise information as can be obtained under these different headings. After looking over the headings I do not think of any other specific items of information which we would require.

Very truly yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

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SAFETY COMMITTEE

NEW YORK October 27, 1937

O. B. LEWIS
CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM TO - Dr. R. A. Kehoe
Dr. G. Edgar
Mr. H. W. Kaley
Mr. John Schaefer

Gentlemen:

Some time ago Mr. Webb asked me what records we were keeping of tank cleaning in foreign countries. As you know, we have not done anything along this line whatsoever. I took the matter up with Dr. Kehoe, who responded as follows:

"As to the matter of obtaining information, I see no possible objection to your setting up a mechanism for obtaining as complete information as possible on what actually is being done. There are certain types of information which would be quite useful. By way of knowing just what practices are indulged in in tank cleaning, it seems to me that Bevan, Tully, and Roberts might circularize the management at all the plants under their supervision and find out just what is done. The frequency of tank cleaning in both leaded and non-leaded gasoline, the manner of doing it, and the safety measures employed might well be determined to our advantage. Moreover correspondence on this question with the various managements would serve to remind them of the existence of the dangers, and to this extent would tend to promote the observance of the present regulations.

"I should be disposed to leave to these gentlemen the decision as how best to obtain the information desired. If the managements cooperate properly, we can be assured of a reasonable safety. For this reason we dare not barge into this question in European fields without making the best use of the judgment of our men who are on the spot and who best know how to deal with the personalities and situations that exist there."

I had in mind to write to Bevan, Tully, and Roberts, asking how they felt about the matter and trying to work out with them the best method of gathering some of this information. In order that it might be most useful to the Medical Department or other members of the Safety Committee, I have drawn up a form which, if properly filled out, might eventually help us.

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The information would:

1. inform us of existing conditions;
2. in case of accident suggest possible cause
3. when reviewed and compared with data being assembled in United States enable our Medical Department to make suitable recommendations.

This form is only a suggestion and if other members of the Committee have any ideas on how to simplify it or amend it, I think they would be in order.



O. B. LEWIS

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Enclosure
cc: Mr. E. W. Webb

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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION
SAFETY INFORMATION

OIL COMPANY _____

COUNTRY _____

PERSONS INTERVIEWED: _____

DATE _____

1. Number of tanks to which concentrated fluid has been added:
2. Number of leaded gasoline storage tanks:
3. Frequency of cleaning:
4. Frequency of inside repairs:
5. Change of service:
6. Length of tank life:
7. Type workmen:
8. Special training for cleaning:
9. Do men who enter tanks wear air line hose masks:
10. Are inside surfaces of tanks kept wet during cleaning:
11. Are special clothes worn, including rubber boots and gloves:
12. Are clothes kept clean:
13. Disposition of sludge:
14. Comments:
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Ethyl Representative.

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