

July 1, 1930

Mr. A. E. Mittnacht,
Ethyl Gasoline Corp.,
135 E. 42nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mittnacht:

It has come to my attention through Dr. Crudg-
ington that the superintendent at the Kendall Oil Refin-
ery, Bradford, Pennsylvania, has been responsible for
the violation of one of our most important rules. The
information came to us through one of his employees and
so must be handled with a reasonable amount of care,
otherwise the employee would lose his job. We have ob-
served a fair amount of stippling in one of the employ-
ees, and I asked Dr. Crudgington to carefully look into
the matter of how it had come about. He finds that
from time to time they empty a portion of the contents
of the drum, splitting the drum and so greatly increas-
ing the amount of exposure in the handling. This is
usually done without making use of a mask. I would sug-
gest, the advisability of your writing to the superintend-
ent or whoever is responsible, pointing out to him that
this situation has been brought to your attention and
unless they can see fit to abide by the rules and regu-
lations exactly as they are written, you will find it
necessary to cut off his supply of Fluid. He will prob-
ably deny any violation of the rules, however, we shall
keep our eye on the matter and observe how things go in
the future.

There is another matter which Dr. Machle has
brought to my attention, which is of rather serious
nature. At one or two or perhaps more points in the
Standard Oil of Indiana territory, the practise of
splitting drums and in some instances carrying Fluid
in a can and emptying it into tank cars, has been taking
place. Dr. Machle is making me a full report, and since
I expect to be in Chicago for a day or two on or about
the fourth of July, I will make it a point to see Dr.
Humphreys himself and have a talk with him about the mat-
ter. This, I believe, is the most serious infringement
of our rules that we have experienced in several years.
I shall handle it tactfully and I shall report to you
in detail not only of the acts themselves and where they
are being carried out, but also as to the action of Dr.
Humphreys in the matter.

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One of my men on his return from his trip suggested to me a thing which it appears might be feasible. I mention it for the sake of obtaining your comment. In a number of districts which we visit from time to time there is quite a concentration of mixing points which are difficult to reach by railroad, but which are easily arrived at by automobile travel. One of the men, therefore asked me the question as to whether it might not be possible to obtain from one of the employees of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation a Company car for the purpose of visiting these places rapidly. For example, in and around Tulsa there are perhaps as many as a dozen mixing points. Two or three of these can easily be reached in a day by automobile travel, whereas otherwise it requires almost a day for each one. Taxi service is expensive, so that the only other possibility is hiring a drive-it-yourself car. I wonder if it would be possible in the future for us to make some arrangement of this sort.

Very truly yours,

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