

Personal and Confidential

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Mr. E. W. Webb
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Dear Mr. Webb:

The study of our situation with respect to the hazards of tank cleaning has been completed in so far as available data are concerned, and we are now ready to report the facts. The conclusions arrived at in this study are such as to indicate the advisability of further experimental work in cooperation with some distributor of gasoline and with the advice and assistance of some of the technical staff of the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation, especially, perhaps, that of Dr. Calingaert and his associates. Dr. Machle and I feel that our report and its conclusions should be presented in the near future, and should be made the basis of a discussion as to how to set about to obtain the further necessary information. The results which we have obtained have an important bearing on the organization and conduct of activities in the supervision of tank cleaning operations. It is our feeling that representatives of the Sales Department of the Corporation, as well as certain of the technical representatives, should be present at our discussion, and certainly Mr. Lewis should be there. Both Dr. Machle and myself will be in New York at a scientific meeting in the first week of June and we hope that it will be possible to have a meeting of the type indicated above during that week. From our point of view Friday, June 7th, would be the most convenient time because of the arrangement of the program of the scientific meeting which we are attending. On the other hand we could probably adapt our own activities to the convenience of you and your associates. It would also be convenient for us, if necessary, to meet on some day of the following week. I leave the matter in your hands to arrange, therefore, and will appreciate your suggestions concerning it at your early convenience.

It would be well to point out, perhaps, that I have no present intention of discussing the details of the organization of the safety work at the meeting

suggested above. There are one or two aspects of this matter that I would like to talk over with Mr. Taylor, and others which I would like to discuss with you before making my specific recommendations in the latter connection. Nevertheless I have practically completed my survey of the situation and I hope to be prepared to present specific recommendations during the course of this trip to New York. On the other hand I do not think this is a matter for discussion at present among any large group of persons.

Sincerely yours,

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