

Vita-Meter

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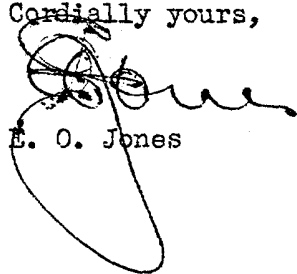
SUBJECT Vita-Meter difficulty. DATE April 21, 1949

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I am attaching for your information and reference a copy of a letter just received from Len Huxtable in Chicago. The hazard here described is not quite up our alley from the lead angle but does typify one of the difficulties that the use of this product might bring about if it is carelessly used and installed.

I note that Mr. Van Hartesveldt presented a paper at the National Petroleum Association meeting in Cleveland last week in which he indicated that his company apparently intends to multiply the distribution of Vita-Meters and Vitane rather rapidly and hinted at a nationwide distribution campaign. When I see you in Cincinnati, I will be interested in finding out what the results of the Kettering Laboratory investigation are from the lead standpoint.

Cordially yours,


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Dear Ollie:

The information recently forwarded by Norm Linstromberg may be of interest both to Dr. Kehoe and to you. Undoubtedly Dr. Kehoe has had similar reports but we thought we would pass it on anyhow. We have not written him directly since it is our understanding you wish to have all such information channeled through New York.

"While making a fleet call at the Ohio Cartage Company in Columbus last week, I heard of an interesting incident regarding the use of Vitameters on the Pure Oil Company's fleet at Heath, Ohio. It comes to me second hand, but I am sure it is true, and feel you will be interested to hear of it.

"Some of the units at the Heath Refinery are Cab-over-Engine Tractors (GMC, I believe) and when installing the Vitameter units they were at a loss to find a suitable place for the Vitol tank. Without realizing what might happen, they mounted some of the tanks inside the cabs. This proved to be a bad mistake for, in one case at least, the tank leaked and filled the cab with the vapors. The driver evidently breathed enough of it to become very ill and as a result has been off work for several months. Needless to say, the installations were immediately changed so that the Vitol tank would be in a different location.

"This is the first such incident that has come to my knowledge and I felt that you would want to know about it."

Very truly yours,

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L. L. Huxtable

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