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Attention: Mr. J. S. Cole

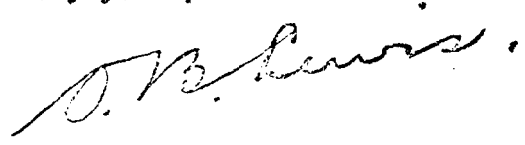
Dear Louis,

In your weekly letter dated February 26th, you brought up the question as to whether or not the concrete bottom of a spiked tank at Wilmington could be safely used by a local contractor as a fill for a road.

We are not entirely clear as to whether the concrete forms the actual bottom of the tank or whether it is merely the foundation. In the latter case, it is quite evident there should be no hazard from a lead standpoint in the use of the concrete. If the concrete actually forms the bottom of the tank, it is probable that it has absorbed a certain amount of lead. Of course, the tank should be cleaned thoroughly before it is dismantled and the concrete kept well during the dismantling process. It would be necessary to crush the concrete before using it as a fill for a road. During this operation, the dust should certainly be considered as a hazard. It is my opinion that the value of the concrete as a fill would not justify taking any chances with the dust in its preparation which might otherwise be unnecessary.

Since a copy of your weekly letters is forwarded to Dr. Kehoe, you may hear from him concerning this question. However, if you do not, you may be guided by the above.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Dr. R. A. Kehoe

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