

August 2, 1938

Mr. O. B. Lewis,

Dear Oscar:

The following information on an alleged lead poisoning case has come to our hand.

[redacted] while employed by James McCreadie and Son of Aurora, Illinois, exposed an old injury to gasoline irritation for a period of four to eight hours by allowing a gasoline-soaked bandage to remain on the injury after the spill of gasoline had occurred.

As a result of this, or some other factor Mr. [redacted] had to consult his physician in an attempt to [redacted] n of blisters which covered his entire body. Our information reveals that the trouble was diagnosed as lead poisoning by Dr. E. V. Young of Aurora and later confirmed by an unknown specialist from Chicago. We do not know what treatment was used or what period of time elapsed before the eruption was cleared up but we do know that every time this man attempts to return to work which involves the handling of gasoline, the eruption recurs.

At the present time, the man is receiving indemnity payments from the Indemnity Insurance Company of North America and so far as we know is not gainfully employed at the present time.

Our interest in the matter is that according to the report the indemnity payments are being made on a case history which records lead poisoning as a factor in the disability.

While I was on the Aurora territory I became rather well acquainted with Mr. McCreadie and during that time this case was never mentioned. Before calling on Mr. McCreadie we wish to have a letter giving us the information which might be desired. We believe that the aspects of this case will be changed in no way whatsoever by calling on Mr. McCreadie for such information as may be desired.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Heck, Jr.
Safety Engineer

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cc: Dr. R. A. Kehoe