

December 15, 1942.

Mr. R. L. Goltz

Dear Roy,

As requested by Bill Turnley I called at the Cities Service bulk plant in Long Island City, regarding the death of one of their tank wagon drivers.

This man [REDACTED] of 520 Knickerbocker Ave., Brooklyn, had been ill for some time. He had complained of Flies, but the Doctor would not operate as he said he did not have any blood. On September 22nd. Mr. [REDACTED] left work and went home sick, and never returned to work, having died on November 30th.

During the time of his last sickness he had been in two hospitals, the Beth Moses and the Kings County, and he had been reported to have Leukemia and blood poison from gasoline fumes. Mr. [REDACTED] had been working for Cities Service since 1929, as a driver.

Mr. G. Gorton, district operating supt. for Cities Service, heard the rest of the drivers talking about the [REDACTED] case, and these men were concerned because of the reported blood poisoning from gasoline fumes.

I talked with Mr. Gorton and Mr. A. Gustitus, supt. of their Long Island City plant, and pointed out to them that there is not any record of a person dying from loading tank trucks, other than from asphyxiation, and also called to their attention the vast number of men engaged in this type of work, over long periods of time, and both these men could name several men who have been at this work for long periods of time without any ill effects. During the conversation our product was not mentioned, all the talk was about breathing gasoline fumes. Both these men are trying to allay any fears that might appear to the rest of the men.

Mr. Gustitus saw Mr. [REDACTED] after he had had seven transfusions, for the first time after he had left work, and he could not tell much about his condition. He said Mr. [REDACTED] complained of his teeth being loose, but after the seven transfusions the teeth became solid again.

No one knew what the reported cause for Mr. [REDACTED] death was, so I called on Mr. Mackey, of Cities Service New York office, and he did not have any record, so I suggested that he obtain the cause, etc and he said he would, and would notify our office.

Attached is a letter written between the Doctors in this case.

Very truly yours,

Martin I. McCoolley.