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GULF REFINING COMPANY

Beverly, Mass.,
May 27, 1931.

Mr. J. E. Woods, A. D. S. M.,
Boston, Mass.

Beverly T. W. - No-Nox Ethyl Gasoline

[REDACTED]
Topsfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We received a telephone call this morning for our salesman to drop down and see Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. Prouty answered the call and was told that on Monday, May 18th, he was mowing Mr. Taintor's grass with a power lawn mower, using No-Nox Ethyl. Tuesday he felt very miserably and just barely kept going all day. Wednesday he was so bad with pains through his side and chest that he could not go to work and called Dr. Jenkins of Topsfield.

Dr. Jenkins examined his tongue and told him it was lead poisoning. Thursday Mr. [REDACTED] was not expected to live and only yesterday was pronounced out of danger. Dr. Jenkins has ordered him to stay in bed for two more weeks.

Dr. Jenkins also consulted with the doctors at the Beverly Hospital and gave them the symptoms that he found and they agreed with him that it was lead poisoning.

[REDACTED] was following the lawn mower with the exhaust shooting direct for his abdomen, and naturally he was breathing carbon monoxide all day. Since he has been sick the superintendent has put an elbow on the exjaust, shooting it down to the ground and the other man operating it is doing so without becoming sick.

They take this stand because [REDACTED], as I understand it, has been running this lawn mower for a number of years without any bad effects, and the exhaust has struck him in the abdomen with the straight No Nox we were selling them.

I give you this information believing it is something you would want to attend to at once, and not only from the fact that the man seems to be laboring under false illusions in blaming it onto Ethyl, but this has spread all over Topsfield, and we are afraid it will affect our No-Nox Ethyl sales to the private consumers.

Yours very truly,

(S) R. L. S.

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