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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
P. O. Box 688
Wilmington, Delaware

Mr. Paul A. Production Mgr.
California Ethyl Corporation
Newark, California

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is confirmation of wire sent you today in reply to your letter of April 29 regarding the accident you had in steaming out one of the German dibromide drums which we recently sent you. We are also attaching hereto copy of our wire sent today to our Medical Department at Cincinnati, which will be self-explanatory and will give you further information on the subject.

Please set aside the drum in question and examine thoroughly the markings on the balance of the two hundred drums you received, and hold any drums which might show that they last contained material other than ethylene dibromide. We are immediately communicating with our representatives to make inspection of the drums in question.

We regret very much that you have run into this trouble but feel rather certain that this drum did not contain concentrated ETHYL Fluid, as it is our practice never to use any drums other than our own embossed ETHYL Fluid drums, specifically designed for this purpose, for materials containing concentrated tetra ethyl lead mixtures. From our bulk storage plant, we make shipments of ETHYL Fluid in tank cars and it is necessary, prior to the return of these cars to us from the refineries, that they be completely washed out with gasoline to remove residual ETHYL Fluid in the well of the tank car. Occasionally, tank cars are returned containing a few gallons of gasoline, which normally is not of very significant concentration with respect to tetra ethyl lead. We have used a certain number of German dibromide drums for storage of this returned gasoline, pending its further use at the plant.

It may have been that one of our operators and our Shipping Department both had inadvertently allowed one of these drums to have been shipped, although you can realize that the mistake is somewhat improbable, since it had to go through several parties' hands, each one of which is fully aware and fully instructed of the rules we have regarding the use of drums containing ETHYL Fluid or tetra ethyl lead.

After our Medical Department and our California District Manager have had an opportunity to investigate this matter further, we would be pleased to have an additional report from you.

Yours very truly,

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

J. H. Schaefer

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