

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

CHRYSLER BUILDING
405 LEXINGTON AVENUE

SAFETY COMMITTEE

O. B. LEWIS
CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK July 19, 1938

Dr. W. F. Machle
Kettering Laboratory of Applied Physiology
College of Medicine
Eden Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Machle:

Further to our letter of July 18th regarding hazards to tank car loaders, we have a letter from Jim Krick regarding a case that has come to his attention.

If you have responded to our letter, there is probably no need for anything further on it, although Mr. Krick does mention any information which you care to forward should be sent to Mr. E. E. Brown, Superintendent, Kendall Refining Company, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,



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July 15, 1938

Mr. R. C. Murphy
Division Manager
New York City

RE: KENDALL REFINING CO. BRADFORD PA.

[REDACTED] Case

Dear Dick,

While at the above plant on a tank cleaning job on today's date, the above subject was again discussed.

In my letter of July 5th I explained that Mr. E.E. Brown, the superintendent, would appreciate a letter from our medical department stating that there was no possibility of a man acquiring lead poisoning in the operation of loading leaded gasoline tank cars at the relative small amount of lead in gasoline. I explained that if the Medical Department wished to send any information to the Kendall Refining Company, the same should be addressed to Mr. Brown.

The [REDACTED] have requested that Kendall's Insurance people come to see them. At the present time, [REDACTED] is receiving a certain amount of money from Kendall's Sickness Benefit Insurance. However, [REDACTED] now wants the compensation for an occupational disease, which would be twice as much.

The Kendall Refining Company has requested from Dr. J.G. McCutcheon, the Bradford Doctor who is treating [REDACTED] the letter from the specialists at the Pennsylvania State Hospital at Warren, Penna. This letter refers to their diagnosis, wherein they claim that the cause of the nervous disorder may be due to breathing leaded gasoline fumes. Dr. McCutcheon explained that he had discussed this with Mrs. [REDACTED] and that the letter was personal and was marked for professional use only. He explained that he would show it to any Insurance Doctors.

Mr. Brown of the Kendall Refining Co. does not know what to do at the present time. If the case is not an occupational disease, it should not be turned over to the insurance company. At the present time, I believe that he is turning the case over to the insurance company and letting them handle it from then on. It will then be up to [REDACTED] to prove that it is an occupational disease.

You can see from the above that the case has come to a head and that although we are not involved, I believe there are claims that this man has a chronic lead poison condition. Although, no doubt, he may be suffering from stomach ulcers.

Mr. Brown again asked if our Medical Dept. would forward him a letter stating the experience of our medical department and whether or not there is any possibility of a man acquiring lead poisoning in the operation of loading gasoline tank cars. I suggest that we take some part in this case in determining exactly what is wrong with [REDACTED]. They would very much appreciate the letter as soon as possible so they may be in a better position to take whatever action is necessary. You can see from the above that there may be several places where an unfavorable attitude may be taken, especially among the refinery personnel.

Blending Operators.

On this contact I found that they wished to have a new man examined for the Ethyl blending operations. They have two men at present and one of these men has been transferred to an operation in the far end of the plant. They blend seven days a week and require two operators.

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On this contact I found that a new operator had been blending for four or five days and I called their attention to our Medical Department's Rules and Regulations. McDonald is the name of the new man and I requested that they not use him again until he was examined by our Medical Department. I informed them that it might be possible for our Medical Dept. to examine a new man in the next several weeks.

In view of their request for an examination of [REDACTED] I suggest that at that time our Medical Dept. investigate the case of [REDACTED]

Yours very truly,

(S) James S. Krick