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Mr. J. E. Boudreau

Attention: Mr. B. G. Crane

Dear Jim,

This will acknowledge your letter of July 14th, in which you give an excellent description of the work being done by the Phillips Construction people for the Standard Oil Company at Attica, Indiana.

In the first place, it seems that if one third of the tanks are loaded tanks, we would have to consider this a definite hazard from a lead standpoint. As you know, Dr. Machle's report indicates that steaming cannot be considered as a method of removing tetraethyl lead or its decomposition products. Therefore, it would appear that workmen cleaning out the sludge in these tanks would have a degree of exposure depending upon the amount of lead in the tanks and the length of time exposed. Presumably, they thoroughly clean the tanks before entering for the hot work and I believe during that cleaning period, we should use every effort to get them to utilize airline equipment and proper clothes.

If men have been undergoing the physical hardships which your letter would seem to indicate, they are probably under the observation of some medical man. I think some comment along this line would be interesting.

Again let me compliment you on a very fine report.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Dr. W. F. Machle
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