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February 2, 1934

Mr. D. T. Rosenfeld
Mechanical Engineer
General American Tank Car Corporation
P. O. Box 532
Sharon, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rosenfeld:

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of January 29, in reference to tanks recently removed from cars EBAX-606 and EBAX-607.

We are pleased to note that there is apparently no serious effects to the man who was exposed to the fumes of the interior tank.

We believe if you will follow the procedure outlined by me, over the phone, you should run into no more difficulties.

As far as I can see, there certainly should be no bad result from the use of these tanks for chlorine service, inasmuch as any small traces of organic lead residues should be completely destroyed by chlorine.

Yours very truly,

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

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GENERAL AMERICAN TANK CAR CORPORATION

P. O. Box 532, Sharon, Pa.

January 29th, 1934

Mr. J. H. Schaefer, Manager
Manufacturing Department
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
Box 688
Wilmington, Del.

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

SUBJECT: B.O. 3726

Our 'phone talk today, relative tanks removed from your cars EBAX 606 and 607, which we have on hand. I told you of the report which Mr. Belding gave us, regarding your steaming these tanks and testing them for traces of lead before they were shipped to Sharon, and according to Mr. Belding we were absolutely safe in sending our men into these tanks to do anything we want with them.

In preparing one of these tanks I explained to you the effect which the exposure had on one of our men, which consisted of a burning sensation throughout his pulmonary tract clear down to the bottom of his lungs, also the increased heart beat. This man, of course, was not in the tank very long and after an hour or so claimed he felt all right. However, we shall observe him during the next two or three days, by which time we shall expect your 'phone call for a report of his condition.

In the meantime, we shall again steam the tank thoroughly for the next two days before sending another man down; the other man to be dressed as per your advices and all clothing discarded after exposure. The first man mentioned, however, will not be exposed again.

The tank, when completed, will go into chlorine service. Should like to have your comments on this.

Yours very truly,

GENERAL AMERICAN TANK CAR CORPORATION

Signed: D. T. Rosenfeld

Mechanical Engineer

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