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Mine Safety Appliances Company,
Braddock, Thomas and Meade Streets,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Attention: Mr. C. H. Mehaffey

Dear Mr. Mehaffey:

Some time ago some members of the safety staff of the Ethyl Corporation collaborated with your people in working out a modification of a welder's mask, which combined the features of such a mask with those of an airline hose mask. I have run into a number of situations in which a mask of this type would be very useful and for this reason I am writing to inquire of you whether or not this mask or one of some similar type is available or can be made available for use in industrial establishments. One of the problems that I meet from time to time, for which there is no present satisfactory solution, is that of men entering lead lined receptacles used in the chemical industries for purposes of modification and repair. In some instances a blower or suction ventilator is used to dissipate the fumes and smoke so that the men can see. However, there is no adequate equipment which is so convenient that the men are willing to use it. I was led to believe that a mask which Mr. Mack and his associates used in repairing tanks in which leaded gasoline had been stored, would be satisfactory. I would be very grateful to you for any information you can give me about the status of this mask.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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