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Dr. R. A. Kehoe

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

One of our new safety engineers apparently misunderstood the policy of our company in respect to the cleaning of barges. While supervising such a cleaning, he left the impression with the inspector of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation that we wanted to have a man present at all such cleanings. Also, that no man should ever enter such a tank without a rubber suit and special gas mask, and that refuse had to be specially buried ashore. Mr. Stroop of the A.P.I., who has advised the Marine Inspection and Navigation Service on cleaning regulations, is upset about this as, if our representative were correct, they would have to change their regulations, and the ramifications of this might be very far reaching.

I told Mr. Stroop that investigations which you had made on mobile equipment indicated it would not be necessary to take the same precautions we take in blending and storage tanks, and that our representative was exceeding his authority in making the statements he did.

Mr. Stroop has asked me to write him and give him our suggestions and recommendations so he may circularize his committee members. He also wishes to arrange a conference to discuss this if any additional hazard is present due to the fact that gasoline has contained lead.

We would appreciate your comments.

Very truly yours,

O. B. Lewis

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