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ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

**CHRYSLER BUILDING
135 EAST 42ND STREET**

NEW YORK December 13, 1932.

Dr. R. A. Kehoe,
College of Medicine,
Eden & Bethesda Aves.,
Cincinnati, O.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Enclosed is copy of a letter from
Mr. Alvan H. Clark, an attorney of Hopkinsville,
Kentucky, dated the 22nd ult; a copy of our reply
of the 1st inst; and a copy of a further letter of
Mr. Clark of the 10th.

I would appreciate it if you would
supply me any available information regarding the
quoted portion of Mr. Clark's letter.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Clark

A:H

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December 1, 1932.

Mr. Alvan H. Clark,
White & Clark,
Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

We believe it to be well established that one may be overcome by the fumes of any kind of gasoline sufficiently to result in death.

So far as we know there is no gasoline containing Ethyl fluid which is being distributed for automotive use anywhere in this country, in higher concentration than one part tetraethyl lead to 1260 parts of gasoline, and we have no record of any instance in which Ethyl Gasoline has because of the presence of Ethyl fluid or tetraethyl lead been responsible for the poisoning or injury of any human being, and our experience definitely leads us to the opinion that this amount of dilution in gasoline has no more affect by inhalation or absorption than has that of the general run-of-mine gasoline.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Webb

A:H

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WHITE & CLARK
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
HOPKINSVILLE
KY.

AHC:MMS

December 10, 1932.

Ethyl Gasoline Corporation,
Chrysler Building,
135 East 42nd St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen: - (ATTENTION MR. WEBB)

We beg to thank you for your kind favor of the first instant. You state in your letter, "We believe it to be well established that one may be overcome by the fumes of any kind of gasoline sufficiently to result in death." If it would not be too much of an imposition on you, will you kindly elaborate this statement for me and let me know just how the fumes of gasoline will cause death.

Thanking you for your consideration of my former letter, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

ALVAN H. CLARK (signed)

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WHITE & CLARK
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

AHC:MMS

November 22, 1932.

Ethyl Corporation,
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you for information which I desire.

An employee of the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation, working in an excavation, was overcome by the fumes of escaping ethyl gas. Three days later he died and the diagnosis of the physician showed that his death was directly attributable to the effect of gas poisoning.

I have found that the physicians with whom I have been in conference are unable to give me the exact symptoms of ethyl gas poisoning, and the effect of its inhalation and absorption upon the human body.

I would be pleased if you could refer me to a standard treatise upon this subject by any well recognized authority, or put me in touch with some individual who could furnish me with the desired information.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness and enclosing a self addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Alvan H. Clark (signed)

Not investigated

*Letter written with regard to toxicity of gasoline vapors with request for further information
None forthcoming*

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