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Dr. W. F. Machle

Dear Bill,

We are attaching copy of a letter from our Tulsa Division, asking for a clarification of several paragraphs in the Safety Manual. Since these pertain to the dismantling of tanks, I think it would be preferable for you to give the proper interpretation.

If you answer their letter direct, we should appreciate receiving a copy.

Very truly yours,

Russell Schell.

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Dallas, Texas
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Mr. L. W. Shank

Dear Lou,

I would like a little more clarification of a certain paragraph in the Safety Manual. In Section XII, Tank Cleaning, page 7, under Dismantling Tanks, Item 4 contains a sentence in parenthesis, as follows: "(If the tank has been thoroughly cleaned special precautions are not necessary for the actual dismantling operation.)"

In the three previous items of these instructions, special precautions are outlined, including the thorough cleaning of the tank, so it would appear to me that either the sentence in parenthesis is superfluous, or else there should be additional rules for handling of the plates and the actual dismantling operation, in case the tank were not thoroughly cleaned. An amplification of this instruction would be appreciated, no doubt, by some of us in the field.

Also, in the Safety Manual, Section XI, page 1, under "Dismantling inoperative plants", the first sentence reads: "The dismantling of unused plants must be inspected by safety engineers as promptly as possible." Is "inspected" the right word to convey the meaning of our Safety Department, or should it be "accomplished"?

In other words, I read this sentence to mean that the dismantling could be started by others, and the safety engineer is to get there as soon as he can afterward to inspect the work, when I really think this sentence was intended to mean that he should do all he could to get the dismantling operation approved by the refinery management, and the work started, being on hand to inspect the entire operation.

A clarification of this meaning will also be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

(S) Jno. M. Rollins

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