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September 4, 1959

Dr. John D. Porterfield
Acting Surgeon General
Public Health Service
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Porterfield:

Thank you for your letter of August 21, 1959
and the enclosed report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Tetraethyl
Lead.

Following receipt of this report Ethyl Corpora-
tion has notified its domestic customers that they may use con-
centrations of tetraethyl lead in motor fuel up to four cubic
centimeters per gallon if they so desire. Bearing in mind that
the present average TEL concentration in gasoline is approximately
two cubic centimeters per gallon we do not believe that any large
or sudden increase in TEL concentration will result from our
action. However, you may be sure that we will continue to ob-
serve and study the situation carefully as we have for the past
thirty-five years. We also assure you that the recommendations
of the Ad Hoc Committee will receive constant and careful con-
sideration.

With respect to the third of these recommendations --
namely, that the Public Health Service in collaboration with manu-
facturers of TEL, the petroleum industry and other organizations
conduct studies to provide more definite data on levels and trends
of atmospheric contamination in selected areas -- we will be happy
to consult with you at your convenience on devising and carrying
out appropriate studies.

We appreciate very much the manner in which you
have treated our request for consideration of higher lead concen-
trations and wish to assure you that we will continue to cooperate
in every way with the Public Health Service in protecting the pub-
lic from any possible hazard in the manufacture, distribution and
use of antiknock compounds containing tetraethyl lead.

Yours very truly,


E. E. Turner

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