

February 24, 1937

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Dear Mr. Hoelzel:

Your letter of February 16th addressed to the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation has been referred to me for reply. However I am at some loss to give you proper assistance in the matter since the nature of your son's illness is not apparent from your letter. After some years of experience and study among a large number of persons who handle Ethyl Gasoline continuously, I have been unable to find any evidence that leaded gasoline is in any wise more dangerous or more likely to produce illness than is ordinary gasoline. It seems probable, therefore, that your son's illness is either unrelated to his occupation or that it is due in some manner to the effects of contact with gasoline. So far as I know the most likely difficulty among gasoline handlers is that of skin rash and eruptions, and I should be interested in knowing, therefore, just what is the difficulty from which your son is complaining.

May I suggest that I could be of much more service to you and to your son if his physician would write to me, explaining his condition in such a way that I might be able to make suggestions for his care and treatment. It is possible that the entire matter might be handled by correspondence. However if the circumstances were to justify it, I might find it advisable to have your son examined by one of my associates in an effort to determine just what is his difficulty. Therefore I would be glad if you would give me all of the information which you can obtain about your son's illness, including the results of his doctor's examination.

Very truly yours,

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cc Dr. Edgar

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