

# ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Ras Tamura

November 25, 1963

Mr. Felix Pretsch  
c/o D. Barnes  
1038 Biltmore Place  
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Felix:

As you may discern from the enclosed correspondence, there is some confusion regarding the efficacy of "weathering" TEL sludge from gasoline storage tanks.

Ras Tamura management is anxious to implement the procedure recommended by the Ethyl Corporation but, at the same time, is concerned about Octel's lack of agreement with this procedure. Since I do not concur with Octel's test results, it has been recommended that we perform a trial of sludge weathering in January or February. At that time, it is proposed that we obtain appropriate sludge and atmospheric samples periodically to be forwarded to Kettering Laboratory for organic lead determinations.

The purpose of your visit to Kettering would be to discuss the protocol for this study; to obtain more specific details regarding environmental precautions in sludge weathering procedures; and, perhaps, to obtain an estimate of the cost for the analytical procedures contemplated.

Cordially,

R. H. ARMERUSTER, M.D.  
District Medical Director

Original Signed by  
R. H. ARMERUSTER, M.D.

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to Dr. Pretsch - 1038 Biltmore Pl. The State  
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