

July 15, 1936

Mr. J. H. Schaefer
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
Box 688
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

I have no reservations as to my opinion on the subject set forth in your letter of July 8th. I am distinctly of the opinion that Fluid storage tanks at the refineries should not be cleaned more frequently than is absolutely necessary, and that when they are cleaned, they should first be washed out with gasoline. In giving this opinion I recognize the very definite hazards associated with carrying over some of the sludge into gasoline tanks where it will be deposited mainly on the bottom. I do not like this feature of the procedure, but I see no way of preventing it without incurring much greater dangers than those produced by deposition of sludge in the storage tanks.

The sludge which we are speaking of here will be deposited only in refinery tanks. It will not be transported further in tank cars and it will not accumulate, therefore, in such tank cars or in bulk storage tanks, or in filling station tanks. As a consequence of this, the hazard will still be confined to the refinery where, if the precautions required are properly taken, there should be no appreciable danger to refinery personnel. In order to avoid this more or less hypothetical danger, we should have to increase the risks accruing to our tank cleaning group by a very large increment. I am not in favor of such an increase. The tank cleaning job is hazardous at best and it should be kept at the lowest possible level both of frequency and of danger.

In a conversation with Oscar Lewis yesterday morning, I find that we are soon to get together in my office before your trip West to discuss many of the matters of importance in relation to your trip. By that time I shall have the new regulations drawn up and since I have already finished my study of the mixing reports, I shall be prepared to go into all of the details with which I am familiar in relation to your trip. I think this will be a real step forward and I am glad to know that you and Oscar are taking this means of clearing up the difficulties.

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Mr. J. H. Schaefer

I am sending you under separate cover a volume in which a number of our papers have been collected together for the sake of convenience. This is for your own private use. I should appreciate it if you would return to me the copy of the series of six articles which appeared in the Journal of Industrial Hygiene, Volume 15, September 1933, in exchange for this book which I am sending you. You need not return any of the other papers although if you do not mind, I should be glad to have the article entitled "An Appraisal of the Lead Hazards Associated with the Distribution and Use of Gasoline Containing Tetraethyl Lead, Part I". My supply of the set of six articles and of this last mentioned one is almost exhausted, and since there is a continuous demand for these articles, I am trying to get as many of them back as I can.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.

Copy: Dr. R. A. Kehoe

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July 8, 1936

Dr. Graham Edgar,

Dear Graham:

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of July 3 in reference to the return of empty cans from agents who use the material for blending with gasoline for racing purposes. While I regret to note that our recommendations have not been accepted, nevertheless we have no alternative but that to carry out your instructions to the effect that these agents must return the cans to us.

Therefore, if you will kindly furnish me with the name and address of the agent whom I understand has been given the contract in place of Louis Meyer, I will be glad to write both him and Ambler Brothers complete instructions with regard to the return of empty cans.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Schaefer

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Copy: ~~Dr. Graham Edgar~~
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Messrs. J. D. and W. S. Ambler, Jr.
Auto Engineering & Machine Company, Inc.
4900-16 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Under date of June 23 we wrote you requesting that empty ETHYL Fluid cans should not be returned to the plant. Will you please disregard this previous communication and follow the instructions that have been given heretofore by our New York office. Meanwhile, we shall forward you in the near future a set of instructions on the proper handling of these cans before their return.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Schaefer

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DR. ROBERT A. KENOE