

WESTERN UNION - COLLECT NIGHT LETTER - FEB 4 1944 - 4:55 PM

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ULTRA LIFE LABORATORIES INC
EAST ST LOUIS ILL

MATERIALS FROM TANKS CONTAIN LEAD AS FOLLOWS TANK 3 ORGANIC LEAD
0.013 PERCENT STOP INORGANIC LEAD 1.16 PERCENT STOP TANK 5 TOTAL
LEAD 0.012 PERCENT STOP RESULTS DO NOT PROVE TANKS UNSUITABLE FOR
USE AFTER THOROUGH CLEANING REFER TO OUR LETTER TO GATES OF
COLCHESTER COMPANY

ROBERT A KEHOE

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connection.

At the time we purchased tanks we didn't have the faintest idea as to the danger attend~~ed~~^{ed with the} possibility of a tank having had Ethyl Gasoline in it at some previous time. At the present time, we have two tanks at Colchester and we sent samples scrapped from the bottom of both of these tanks, to Phoenix Chemical Laboratories, Chicago, Illinois. They came back very promptly with a report that one of the tanks was positive and one of the tanks negative. I then had the boys at Colchester take an additional sample from the smaller, or negative tank, and send same to you for further verification of Chicago's findings, and we now await your report in connection with same, and I presume report will be made direct to Colchester.

In the mean time we are up against the proposition of finding another tank to replace the one showing positive, and have located two tanks here in the St. Louis District, both claiming to have nothing but a fuel oil record back of them. We are not content with this however, and have therefore mailed to you two bottle samples taken from the contents of these two tanks. One sample is marked Tank #3 and the other one Tank #5.

We certainly would appreciate it Dr. Kehoe more than we can tell you, if you will give these samples your attention as promptly as possible. Time has become very short with us. In the beginning we could have, of course, bought new tanks but due to our dumbness as indicated above, we didn't and are now hoping to make the initial run of this plant within the next two or three weeks. It takes 10 to 12 weeks to get a new tank, so at the present time we are up against using a second-