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R. J. Murphy,

SAFETY QUESTIONS

Dear Dick:

Following are questions pertaining to Dr. Machle's recent paper on tank cleaning problems:

- 1.. Why is organic lead found in inverse proportion to inorganic ?
2. What is the exact purpose of litharge in the refining of gasoline ?
3. If inorganic lead found in storage tanks is traceable to the use of litharge at refineries, what was the ratio of inorganic lead concentrations in tanks of refineries not using litharge compared with refineries that do use litharge?
4. Are there any practical physical or chemical methods of converting organic lead to inorganic lead in an empty storage tank prior to cleaning ?

Very truly yours,

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