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Cleaning and entering tanker compartments which have contained leaded gasoline.

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Copies of Ethyl Corporation's "Precautions for Entering Storage Tanks Which Have Contained Leaded Gasoline" and API, tank cleaning procedures were presented to Mr. Hobson and Commander McConville at the BuShips office in Washington, D.C. on this date. The above precautions were discussed with the two men at a conference in December 1947, and copies were requested at that time.

The attached Circular Letter No. 36, from the Navy Department Bureau of Ships was obtained for comments from our Safety Department in connection with entering of tanks on Navy tankers. The question in the mind of Mr. Hobson is that possibly the attached requirements are too severe for ships tanks and that they might be changed somewhat for the fleet tankers. As was mentioned in a previous interview report of the writer the correspondence between Dr. Kehoe and the above office indicated that from records and tests the lead hazard in mobile equipment such as ships tanks was apparently non-existent.

Should any changes in the attached instructions be advisable for ships tanks on Navy tankers please advise and the information will be forwarded by the writer. Mr. Hobson was advised of the hazards in connection with entering all gasoline tanks whether they have contained leaded gasoline or not.

Yours very truly,

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