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January 7, 1964

Mr. Roy Myer
The Budd Company
700 Chase Blvd.
Gary, Indiana

Dear Mr. Myer:

I have been asked to forward a statement on the toxicity and safe handling for our fluid Pydraul P-9. The requested information is attached.

It is my further understanding that your particular concern related to eye irritation if the fluid is accidentally splashed or wiped into the eyes. Appropriate animal studies to determine eye irritation potential have indicated Pydraul P-9 is not a serious irritant. On the other hand, we do know that in the case of humans accidental contact with eye tissues results in severe pain out of proportion to the degree of irritation. To avoid such discomfort care should be taken to prevent accidental exposure. As with any hydraulic fluid or other industrial liquid chemical workmen should not wipe their eyes or face with their hands or gloves or clothing, if there has been contamination of these surfaces with any of these foreign materials.

Although we have heard of a number of cases of accidental eye contact (and with the resulting pain referred to above), there have not been any reports of any damage to eye sight or permanent damage to eye tissues.

First aid treatment for the eyes if there has been accidental contact is immediate flushing with copious quantities of water and referral of the patient to a physician. To relieve the pain and irritation physicians have used Pontocaine solution as well as ophthalmic cortisone acetate eye drops.

If I can be of any further service, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

R. Emmet Kelly, M. D.
Medical Director

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