

July 28, 1932

Dr. Lawrence F. White  
1401 Hope Street  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Dr. White:

We have your letter of July 19th requesting information on treatment of acute and chronic tetra-ethyl lead poisoning. Poisoning from lead tetra-ethyl is limited to a relatively few individuals employed in the manufacture and blending of Ethyl Fluid with gasoline, and has no relation to the general public. Tetra-ethyl lead poisoning from Ethyl Gasoline has not to our knowledge yet occurred. Recent surveys of a large number of individuals engaged in the handling and distribution of Ethyl Gasoline has revealed no significant lead absorption in them as a group, so we have not yet had to consider the question of treatment of lead poisoning as a result of Ethyl Gasoline exposure.

In answer to your second question, the ingestion of Ethyl Gasoline introduces the factor of toxicity of gasoline itself which, as you well know, has produced death after the ingestion of one half to one ounce. The amount of lead in this amount of gasoline is so small as to have no importance in the consideration of poisoning from gasoline ingestion.

I trust this answers your questions satisfactorily. If we can be of any further service to you, kindly do not hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours,

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