

December 6, 1937

MEMORANDUM TO MR. O. B. LEWIS:

The following are my comments on Mr. Schaefer's memorandum of December 3, with regard to the use of extra drivers on our tank trucks:

Naturally my knowledge of this situation is extremely limited and my comments are merely a personal reaction to the handling of a product such as ours with respect to its value, weight, and most important, its toxic properties.

From past discussion it is evident that members of the Safety Committee and the major executives of the company feel that the transportation of fluid on the public highways is not a matter of complete satisfaction to us. While such shipments are obviously better than the use of drums, they are not as safe as tank cars. It is recognized that the probability of accidents is greater on the highway and such accidents would produce a more serious hazard than if they happened on the railroad. It, therefore, would seem advisable to have a sufficient number of men available with every tank truck shipment of fluid to insure proper protection and policing, based not on the ordinary routine of travel, but on proper handling at the time of possible accidents.

The company has gone to considerable length in the prepayment of freight when fluid is transported in bulk quantities and it would seem that the expenditure for one driver would be an extremely small amount for insuring proper handling so long as it is necessary for us to continue truck transportation of fluid on public highways.

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