

June 29, 1951

Dr. I. C. Riggin
City of Lorain Health Department
205 Fourteenth Street
Lorain, Ohio

Dear Doctor Riggin:

Your concern over the health hazards of the men who are employed by American Crucible Products Company has been pointed out to me by Mr. C. H. Herzer, General Manager of the operations of this company.

We have been engaged to study the problem of this plant and to make recommendations for its solution. One of my associates has looked into the engineering aspects of the matter and has made recommendations for corrective measures. We are preparing to give every assistance that may be possible on the medical side of the picture. At this season of the year the hazard of lead exposure is less than it is during the cold weather. This is the time, therefore, to plan and carry out the necessary steps. Our purpose is to make the operations safe, and it seems certain that Mr. Herzer is ready to take the necessary steps. I am sure that you realize that the necessary changes cannot be made without some delay. This particular problem of lead exposure is one of the difficult ones to deal with, for a number of reasons. Time and some degree of cutting and trying will be necessary to solve some of the difficulties.

I am not sure just how we can be of service to you by way of information and cooperation, but I take this means of assuring you that we shall be pleased to work with you in any manner that may be feasible.

We have made a somewhat hurried but not superficial study of the situation and have made certain recommendations which can provide a basis for changes which will require some months to carry out.

I shall be out of my office on vacation during most of July, but I shall be available during August and later. If you should wish to communicate with me then, I shall be glad to hear from you.

Cordially yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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