

February 10, 1931

Mr. John Schaefer,
Ethyl Gasoline Corp.,
Manufacturing Dept.,
P. O. Box 688,
Wilmington, Dela.

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

Thanks very much indeed for your serious and detailed consideration of our new rules and regulations. Your criticisms and comments were very helpful. I have accepted most of them exactly as they were written down by you.

Your suggestion that the rules should all be incorporated in one book is not, I believe a good one. For our own purposes it would be highly desirable, but considering the attitude of various customers of the Corporation I am quite sure it would be bad. Those customers who have the tank car equipment would not be in position to understand the details of the drum mixing equipments, and, more important, those who have the drum mixing equipments would feel that if certain leniencies were permitted at tank car equipments that they too should be permitted certain leniencies. To us who understand the different hazards of the two situations, it is very plain that certain differences in the regulations are permissible. It is best, however, I believe not to confuse the issue in the minds of people handling the two sets of equipments, but to give them specific regulations involving only their own.

I found in the book which you returned to me some precautions for handling Ethyl Chloride, which it occurs to me you may wish to have returned to you. I dare say they were merely mislaid by you and got into my letter by mistake. There are two other items about which I wish to ask you in the report which you gave me on the distribution of small cans and packages of Fluid for aviation purposes. You refer to Kendall Refining Company at San Antonio having received seventeen 10 gallon drums October 17, 1930. In as much as we are unable to locate any Kendall Refining Company at San Antonio, I assume that this should be either the Humble Oil Company at San Antonio, or the Kendall Refining Company at Bradford, Pa. I would appreciate knowing which of these is the case. Also you report U. S. Air Service, New York Harbor as having received 667 cans of aviation fluid July 29, 1930. I would be glad for such information as you have concerning the nature of this service and what brings it to use such quantities of cans.

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Mr. John Schaefer
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I am expecting to be in the east the week of the 16th. I will be in Washington the latter part of that week and probably in Wilmington the first of the next week. In any case I expect to see you soon, so that if there are any matters which you have on your chest you will have an opportunity to discuss them by a direct interview.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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