

cleaning - T&L for many
of potential exposure without illness

M. J. Fitzgerald
cc: H. B. BERG
D. P. JEPPE
K. C. JOST
NEW YORK SAFETY
L. J. SCHRADIN, M.I.
(Dallas)

Mr. L. J. Schradin

August 31, 1950

H. K. Ball

Phillips Petroleum Company
Lep, Oklahoma

Dear Les:

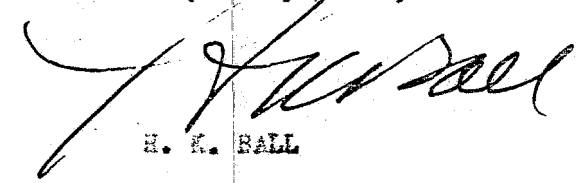
Confirming our telephone conversation of this date we are attaching hereto a memorandum of August 30 regarding entry of two blending tanks at Phillips Petroleum Company, Lep, Oklahoma. You will recall these tanks were entered on Sunday, August 27, without our being notified.

As mentioned in our telephone conversation this morning, the writer talked to Mr. M. J. Fitzgerald today and he states he is feeling fine. An inspection was made of the tanks in question August 30 and they looked fairly clean. The lead-in-air showed about 4 micrograms per cubic foot of air on each tank. This is somewhat meaningless as we have no way of knowing what it was when the scale was being removed. Door sheets were being removed and roof plates were being taken from outside. This will assure adequate ventilation of these vessels.

We are attaching hereto copy of a letter to Mr. Fitzgerald confirming the fact that we wish to be present when these tanks are to be re-erected. We have also emphasized that the plates should be sandblasted.

In the memo will be noted Mr. Fitzgerald stated there was no dust in the tanks when he was removing the scale. However, Mr. Wheeler, assistant refinery superintendent, stated the tanks were so dusty he could not see the men working inside. We understand from you the danger time is about past insofar as Mr. Fitzgerald and his associate are concerned. We have tried to impress on this gentleman that we must be notified regarding future entries or any work in loaded tanks. He has agreed to comply but in view of past experience we are not sure this will be done. We are setting this gentleman up as a unit of authority and will have our safety engineer call on him every six months to review our tank cleaning precautions.

Very truly yours,


H. K. BALL

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NEW YORK SAFETY

August 31, 1950

Mr. M. J. Fitzgerald
Atlas Tank Company
701 South 33 West Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

This will confirm our telephone conversation with your Mr. C. L. Thomas of this date advising that we wish to be present when the tanks purchased from the Phillips Petroleum Company at Lep, Oklahoma, are re-erected.

It is our understanding one of these tanks may be erected at Cyril, Oklahoma. The plates should be sandblasted before any welding work is done in rebuilding these tanks.

We would appreciate it very much if you would get in touch with us before this work starts. This is particularly important in view of the fact that elevated temperatures may release toxic vapors. We are certain that, following our telephone conversation, you will cooperate with us in this regard.

Very truly yours,

H. K. BALL

HEB:JAC

Footnote to D. P. Jeppe - You will note from the above correspondence that tank might be re-erected at Cyril, Oklahoma. Will you kindly check with Anderson-Prichard and determine whether they are buying this tank. If so, please arrange for them to notify us when construction work starts.

Footnote to K. C. Jost - We would like to discuss this with you the next time you are in the office in order to set up Mr. Fitzgerald as an A&N man.

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