

April 11, 1942.

Mr. Harry Fuhe
Seattle, Wash.

Weekly Letter April, 11, 1942. By: John S. Cole.

Dear Harry:

Following is a report of my activities for the week ending April 11th, 1942.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, Jasper, Wyo.

The filling in of the sludge pits at Tank #37 was completed this week and a regular tankcleaning report has been send red covering same. Both Tanks Nos. 37 and 38 have been OK'd for dismantling and it is anticipated that the contractors will start on same in about a week or ten days. If possible, I shall be on hand to observe this and note the condition of the overlap between the plates and if the work is dusty I shall recommend the use of dust respirators as suggested by Mr. Machle.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, Greybull, Wyo.

This refinery was contacted for the purpose of making a regular quarterly inspection of their 4250 FC installation as well as Authority and Notification Man Contact. Both of these reports have been rendered in the regular manner.

Mr. Hrajicek, Safety Director of this refinery also A & N for this refinery advised that they anticipated the cleaning and repair of one of their tanks in about two to three weeks and that we would receive adequate notice regarding same.

Busky Refining Co., Cody, Wyo.

This refinery was contacted for the purpose of making a quarterly Mixing Plant Inspection as well as Authority and Notification Man Contact and both of these reports have been send red in the regular manner.

Although the fluid inventory at this refinery is 31,500 pounds which should be adequate for 10 months to one year, the management appears to be concerned about a possible shortage before the year is out. At present they are making 71 octane with 1.5 cc TLL. This is possible with their present low end-point light naptha and casinghead, but they claim that when summer comes they will have to go to a full 3.0 cc to even reach 70 octane. With regards to this point I discussed Mr. J.J. Taylors recent letter covering this matter and if this condition does occur the management will take the

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With further regard to this refinery I would like to advise that they have just completed their new building for housing their General Offices and it is without doubt one of the finest buildings I have ever seen at a small refinery.

The Texas Co., Cody, Wyo.

This refinery was contacted for the purpose of making a regular quarterly Mixing Plant Inspection of their MLD plant as well as an Authority and Notification Man Contact. Both of these reports have been rendered in the regular manner.

Mr. King, Supt. of this refinery advised me that the Texas Co. recently had to shut down their Houston, Texas refinery due to the lack of transportation facilities, that is, their storage tanks were full and they could not get the products out. He also stated that the present tankcar shortage was working an undue hardship on this refinery and it may be necessary in the near future to curtail their operations as they were nearing their storage capacity.

I might also mention at this time that this condition is pretty prevalent thruout my territory and I would not be surprised to see a definite curtailment of operations in many of the refineries in this territory.

Absolute Oil Co., Badger Basin, Wyo.

Both quarterly inspection of the MLD plant at this refinery and Authority and Notification Man Contact were made and regular reports have been rendered.

Sometime ago I received a note from Ben Penrose advising that Mr. Hanley, Supt. of this refinery desired to clean a tank at the time of my next visit and also desired to use my airline equipment. With this in mind I carried my equipment at the time of this contact but Mr. Hanley advised that the cleaning could not be done at the present time. He requested that I drop him a line just before the time of my next visit and he would have the tank steamed and ready for cleaning.

The operations at this refinery are somewhat curtailed due to the fact that their wells are jammed up with sand and wax although they are attempting to pull the tubing themselves and clean same. I believe that their finances are such that they cannot afford to have this work done by a regular drilling contractor.

With this curtailed operation this refinery has found it necessary to make split drum blends although Mr. Hanley admitted he knew this practice should not be done. A careful inspection showed that they had undoubtedly been very careful as there were no signs of stains or spills on either the partial drum or platform. I would therefore recommend that as soon as our split drum equipment is approved for use, the necessary equipment for this change be sent for installation at this refinery.

Mixing Plant Inspections

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, Greybull, Wyo. (4250 TC)

Texas Co., Cody, Wyo. (MLD)

Husky Ref. Co., Cody, Wyo. (4250 TC)

Absolute Oil Co., Badger Basin, Wyo. (MLD)

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Authority and Notification Man Contacts

The Texas Co. Messrs King and Loggertwist, Cody, Wyo. (Report)
Standard Oil Ind. Messrs. Kraglock, Warren and Lockard, Greybull, Wyo. (Report)
Resolute Oil Co. Messrs Manley and Leimback, Badger Basin, Wyo. (Report)
Busby Ref. Co. Messrs Nielson, Fimes and Shepard, Cody, Wyo. (Report)

Very truly yours,

John C. Cole.