

cc: Dr. R. A. Kehoe

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Discussions with Dr. R. A. Kehoe

January 28, 1945

January 22, 1945

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Thank you for your letter of February 24, to which was attached your notes on your discussions with Dr. Kehoe in Cincinnati on February 22. These seem quite complete and satisfactory.

It appears that we are making definite progress in our thinking on causes of tank cleaning accidents. We shall look forward to Dr. Kehoe's data to go forward with your definitions of thoroughly cleaned tanks, etc. I am pleased that a program for sampling before and after steaming is to be instituted.

To clear up the matter of the rapid onset of lead poisoning in the man who died at Artesia, you will recall that Doug Jeppe gave us verbally the following information when he came in from Tulsa: He stated that from discussions in Tulsa he had gathered that the man was a expert carpenter and had done the carpentry inside the tank for two days preceding the pouring of the concrete. This consisted of a wooden chute in through the manhole and some facilities for dispersing the cement mixture inside the tank. Thus, if the tank had become extremely dangerous from steaming or other cause, the man could well have accumulated lead as, in Mr. Jeppe's opinion, he had no protective equipment either during these two days or on the day he was in the tank assisting in the concrete work.

In the middle of the third page of your letter regarding hazards from line breaks at refineries you state that four of our men have been hospitalized as a result of lead poisoning. I am entirely unaware of anything of this nature, and would appreciate your answering this specifically. Who were they and what is the story or was your letter in error.

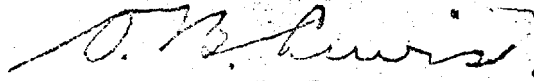
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I shall write Alan Tully to the effect that you expect
n Lake Charles on or about March 15 and request him to meet
re if possible.

Further, we have had a call from Southwick, of our
insurance group, asking that we be sure that the Traveler's man
inspects the truck for damage caused by the recent accident and
report this back through channels as expeditiously as possible.

Yours very truly,



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