

Wagner to here at work end - Feb 5 1950

Phone call from S. M. Wagner at Los Angeles, California - 2:30 PM,
January 26, 1950

Re: Air Pollution Studies of Los Angeles City and County

The committee investigating the air pollution problem have discussed the general situation and some of their findings with Bill Stewart, Executive Vice-president of Union Oil Company. (Reese Taylor, President of Union, is quite interested in the problem. I believe he is president of the Western Oil and Gas Association which is working with the smog committee on the problem and the oil industry is spending (3-4) million on the study in general and as it concerns the industry. Mr. Stewart is the righthand man of Mr. Taylor in these dealings.)

The smog committee have told Stewart that (12) twelve tons of lead falls daily on Los Angeles City and County. They want the oil industry to limit the use of lead to (1) one c.c. per gallon of gasoline. Their findings of twelve tons is arrived at apparently by averaging the lead content of the gasoline used and figuring it from the daily gallonage consumption instead of atmospheric analysis. The reports of the Committee also said that some of the contaminants in the atmosphere are relatively harmless, but when combined with other contaminants present, become harmful. I am not certain they had lead in mind in this part of the discussion.

At the moment the above is limited to L. A. County and I asked Wagner if any mandatory regulations are being considered local or state-wide in scope. He thought that at present it would be a county regulation or ordinance.

At any rate Wagner feels that there is going to be unfavorable publicity in a report the Committee is going to issue condemning lead a harmful contaminant and he said the Committee are prepared to contact the U. S. Public Health people about it.

Wagner wanted me to acquaint you with the above as Mr. Shea will probably phone you on Friday morning.

Comment

The implications of the above from the standpoint of the Ethyl Corporation are many besides the mere sales of lead.

Any report of this nature publicized locally would probably be syndicated over the press wires to the daily newspapers: it would be a potent subject for Readers Digest and others.

There is a possibility that an unwarranted lead consciousness might arise that could be very serious to the company in the nature of claims, law suits, etc.

Other states might follow in limiting the lead content in gasoline and conducting investigations of the problem.

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