

July 24, 1934

Dr. Graham Edgar
Ethyl Gasoline Corporation
Chrysler Building
New York City
New York

Dear Edgar:

Recent difficulties with weigh tanks as a result of the accumulation of sludge have necessitated the opening and repainting of tanks. From the condition of the one at Cleves, Ohio, which I saw this morning, it would appear that there were at least several inches of sediment in the bottom, an accumulation which sooner or later would lead to the necessity of cleaning. We would appreciate getting any ideas you may have on the technique of cleaning, and preparatory procedure for the conversion of the lead to inorganic compounds. As I recall, some figures that Johnny Schaefer obtained following tank car cleaning, indicated significant amounts of lead even following forty-eight hours steaming with exhaust steam used in conjunction with sulfuric chloride. As there is no lower vent on the weigh tank, the cleaning will be quite a problem, particularly so as it is next to impossible with the present equipment to suck out the fluid which is held in with the deposits.

Very truly yours,

WFM:IS

Willard F. Machle, M.D.