



19640313 Medical officer proposal to deal with extremely toxic TEL & TML at NZ Refinery

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TETRAETHYL/TETRAMETHYL LEAD

There is, at the Marsden Point Refinery, a section of the plant wherein employees will be handling one or both these compounds which are added to petrol to reduce "knock". Both are extremely toxic, affecting the central nervous system of persons exposed to a harmful concentration.

The risk is present wherever the compounds are handled, and also when petrol tanks are de-sludged. I have not yet taken a careful look at the arrangements, nor satisfied myself that a properly planned routine for tank cleaning has been laid down.

Could you please contact me after 23rd March if you would care to visit the refinery with me to deal with this hazard.

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