



# 19660128 Dept of Health letter re Octel SS Limerick spill & brochure on hazards of TEL & TML

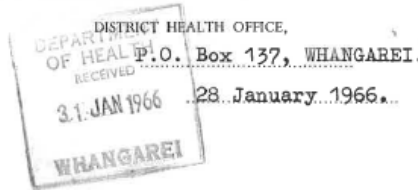
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The Medical Officer of Health,  
WHANGAREI.

### OCTEL S.S. "LIMERICK"

I attended the inspection of the above named ship when it was inspected by the Refinery decontamination squad and representatives of the Octel firm from Melbourne, after tetra Methyl lead had been spilled on the deck during a storm in the Atlantic.

The ship and crew members were inspected in Curacao and given a clearance to sail through the Canal, though slight readings were obtained from the dunnage on deck. No ill effects were reported among the crew.

Readings were taken on the ship's arrival at Marsden Point with a Uni-Jet lead in air detector, on the deck, two readings where the spilled cargo was stored and in No. 2 and 3 holds. A total of five readings were made in all areas that could possibly have been affected and the readings were zero. Though showing zero all dunnage on which the deck cargo was stored is being destroyed by the Refinery decontamination squad on the firms representatives advice.

Please find attached a bulletin on Tetra-ethyl and methyl lead issued by the Octel company in which the hazards of the compound are described including the M.A.C. and decontamination procedures.

A Uni-Jet lead in air detector is kept at the refinery for detecting contamination.

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Above, 28<sup>th</sup> January 1966 Letter from Senior Inspector of Health to the Medical Officer of Health, Whangarei, New Zealand re: Tetramethyl lead spilled on the deck of the Octel SS Limerick during a storm in the Atlantic. At right, the Contact details of Octel Melbourne sent with brochure on hazards of TEL & TML (see next article: 196405 Octel Bulletin No 12 The Safe Handling of Octel Antiknock Compounds, by Associated Octel).