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POLLUTION CONTROL BRIEFS

Artificial asbestos

A substitute for asbestos is being made from paper mill effluent at a pilot plant built by Britain's Plastic Research Laboratories. PRL, which specializes in waste recycling, hopes to have products for test marketing within a year. "But it's anybody's guess about the likely date for a commercial plant," says Managing Director David Plumstead. Plumstead says the process, which was developed jointly with the government-financed National Research Development Corp., can be used for other board products for the building, auto, and furniture industries.