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In your letter the question was raised as to the risk from asbestos to consumers and radiator repairmen who have contact with Du Pont's Cooling System Sealer VZ-5708 and Heavy Duty Stop-Leak VZ-5709.

There should be essentially little or no risk involved. If the fluid was drained or leaked out of the radiator, any fibers that the stream of fluid carried with it would remain wetted. This should keep the fibers from becoming airborne. Even if the leak were such, that the radiator fluid splashed onto the hot engine and evaporated, the quantity of fibers released in this way would probably be very small.

The operations performed by radiator repairmen would not tend to release, to any degree, asbestos fibers from the radiator or radiator hoses. Their operation would essentially consist of draining of the fluid, cleaning of the radiator, brazing, rechecking for holes, and painting.

The greatest potential hazard related to these products would be to the Du Pont workers who are preparing the mixtures, i.e. the handling of the asbestos. Projects, if not already under way, should be developed to evaluate these specific asbestos handling-mixing operations.

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