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This morning Jim Kinney phoned from General Electric at Rome, Georgia to relate that between 1500 and ~~2000~~ ~~[illegible]~~ gallons of transformer Pyranol was spilled from a transformer on a Tennessee highway and ditch.

This amount of fluid ran over quite an area of ground. The ground has been dug up and placed on to polyethylene plastic film. Quite a number of truckloads of ground will now have to be hauled to an acceptable burial site.

We also heard from the EPA who are monitoring the situation. The EPA man was Mr. Jennings whom you may recall served on our ASSI committee. His phone is 703-557-7633. He related that the roadside ditch drains into a creek and that the water can enter a cattle feeding pond and pasture area. Samples will be taken to determine the extent of the environmental contamination.

G.E. mentioned that they are awaiting return of the truck driver to probe how all of this material was spilled. However, Mr. Jennings gave me the following over the telephone. He said that apparently during transport the transformer was jolted sufficiently to cause some leakage of fluid from some area of the external cooling fins. I understood him to say that the highway people stopped the truck and that a state official ordered to get rid of the fluid. This led to releasing all of the fluid into the ditch. While I thought it would be best to record what I was told about this situation -- obviously it is not for publication.

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