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SUBJECT: ASKARELS - MEXICO

REFERENCE: Toxicity and Antidotes

TO: Elmer Wheeler - A2SA

The Mexican Light & Power Company (Cia. de Luz y Fuerza) which is a government agency, has come to us insistently requesting that we provide them with answers to a number of questions.

Our contacts and relationship with these people are quite good and they attended the PCB presentation given in Mexico City by Bill Papageorge and Paul Benignus. However, as a government agency, handling askarel transformers - and occasionally top-up fills, they are concerned because of Mexican disability benefits and social security considerations.

They ask:

1. What are the effects of ingestion of Askarels?
2. What are the symptoms of ingestion?
3. What are the antidotes, if any?
4. What is the recommended treatment, short and long term, for persons with symptoms of chlor-acne or of ingestion of Askarel?
5. What tests if any are available to detect accumulation of PCB's in body tissue?
6. What body organs are most affected?
7. For what reasons?

Please let me know how much and what kind of information we can supply.

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