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Environmental program prevents askarel pollution

Askarel fluid used as transformer insulating material should not be disposed of carelessly, because of the possibility that some species of wildlife may be adversely affected, says W. A. Papageorge, manager of environmental control for Monsanto Co. Amounts actually being found in the environment are extremely small, he adds, making control very difficult.

However, the firm is engaged in a program to prevent the material from entering the environment in even trace amounts. Safe disposal of askarel that is contaminated beyond the point of recovery and reuse constitutes a major part of Monsanto's control efforts, with the firm offering to dispose of the fluid for customers.

The service is designed primarily for utility users, who ship the material for disposal under a small service charge for each drum returned for processing and incineration at the company's facility in Sauget, Ill.

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