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F → AROCLORS: TOXICITY

Since writing my note of Dec. 11/51 I have managed to learn that Anniston people had quite serious skin troubles: boils, blackheads and the like, among workers in Aroclors, especially 1269, around 1933.

A little browsing into the literature reveals quite a history of skin troubles and liver troubles (including some fatal cases) attributed to heavy exposure to chlorinated diphenyls.

The chlorinated diphenyls are stated to be worse than chlornaphthalenes, and to be more harmful the more chlorine they contain. I still think, however, that the exposure in ordinary analytical work should not cause any trouble.

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