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In response to your question about when Ed will have a draft of his proposed article -- at best it will not be prior to April, 1971.

He needs to get GE Company approval via Dr. Anderson who heads GE environmental control people at Schenectady.

Probably we can see the "hang-up" from the following:

The proposed article is to feature the historical essential purpose and need for Aroclor capacitors and transformers. However, the occasion for the article is the PCB pollution problem. This must be referenced in the article. About this it appears that Dr. Anderson feels that as yet not enough has been done to define and establish guide lines for proper disposal of waste capacitors and transformer solids.

Of course, this is true and it gets "sticky" because GE takes a strong stand that disposal in land-fills is not acceptable. For example, they order their own people to contain and store spent capacitors. Many other people simply will not do this. In time they would be up to their buttocks in capacitors.

Accordingly the focal point to the whole thing is attainment of a satisfactory disposal of solid waste. The liquid disposal is not a problem. Realistically, we do not forsee establishment of more than one location before the end of 1971 to dispose of solid waste, such as spent capacitors, that would satisfy Dr. Anderson.

Therefore to get approval for the proposed article, Mr. Raab will need to have Dr. Anderson satisfied with the thought that we are working on the problem of solid waste disposal. This emphasizes need to get going at ANSI, where a more favorable stance toward land-fills (than GE's stance) may be taken.

While GE's stance is simply and fully protective to GE, it remains unrealistic pending a more satisfactory disposal than land fills for spent capacitors.

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