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I. The new IEEE Standard 76-1974 Guide for Acceptance and Maintenance of Transformer Askarel in Equipment has been printed. Cost is $4.00/copy.

II. Question arose whether to again change the definition of transformer askarel and now simply state that it is a liquid that does not burn. All reference to non-combustibility of arc-formed gas would be deleted.

This question anticipates that the EPA may get around to differentiate and recognize that there is a determinable difference in the biodegradeability and toxicity of PCB isomers, and that eventually the capacitor people using Aroclor 1016 may gain a more favored position than accorded transformer people using Aroclor 1254.

I recommended and obtained concurrence from the majority of the members that it would be best to not now redefine askarel and that we should wait to learn what develops at EPA. Then, if desired, we can consider this matter at our next IEEE meeting.

The redefinition would not be favorable to Monsanto's present position of Aroclor product mix and would open the door wider to competitive fluids. Of these, there are several that would conform to the definition that the fluid does not burn (although the arc-formed gas would be combustible).

III. I spoke with Al Salazar of ANSI C107 about need to call a meeting this summer, following the PCB hearings in Washington and take actions to get EPA cooperation on establishing approved dry land fills. He agreed that we will want to do this.

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