Aroclor

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Mr. B. J. Cavanaugh
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Dear Mr. Cavanaugh:

There has never been to my knowledge, even an allegation that an exposure to Askarel fumes was the cause of inflammation to the lower digestive tract with the development of colitis. A review of our files showed nothing of this character in any of the reports we have had from users.

As you know, excessive inhalation of the fumes can cause liver trouble but this is a far cry from colitis. Furthermore, in animals that were fed the arochlors for periods of two years, no symptoms of intestinal inflammation occurred.

Sincerely,

R. Emmet Kelly, M. D.
Medical Director

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