MINUTES #33
Sept 11/1970

307. Subcommittee B requested the following action for Committee D-27.

a) A D-27 letter ballot to approve the inclusion of a type E transformer askarel in A.S.T.M. D-2283.

b) It was requested that the following statement from Monsanto Chemical Company be printed in the D-27 minutes:

We (the members of Section II - D27.02.02 being concerned with askarels) feel that the members of Subcommittee B and Committee D-27 should be aware of a notification from the Monsanto Company received by the manufacturers of electrical apparatus using askarels. This notification was dated February 18, 1970 and evidenced some concern that certain askarel types might become environmental contaminants if handled carelessly. In part, the Monsanto letter states:-

"Recently several newspaper and magazine articles have been published indicating that Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's) have been discovered at some points in some marine, acquatic and wildlife environments. The quantities detected are said to be in the parts per million and parts per billion category.

"It is claimed that the PCB's found strongly resemble chlorinated biphenyls containing 54% and 60% chlorine by weight. Products which are sold by Monsanto under the trade names of Aroclor 1254 and 1260 do contain chlorinated biphenyls.

"As your supplier of Aroclor 1254 and 1260 and formulated products containing 1254, we wish to alert you to the potential problem of environmental contamination as referred to in the newspaper and magazine articles.

"We feel that all possible care should be taken in the application, processing and effluent disposal of these products to prevent them becoming environmental contaminants."

As a manufacturer or user of askarel-filled electrical equipment, we feel that in the unusual event of leaks or equipment repair necessitating replacement of the fluid, that all possible care should be taken to prevent these products from finding their way into the environment.

MONS 029583

E. L. Raab

June 19, 1970

EXHIBIT H