

Medical Department, St. Louis

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Askarel Letter from  
MacMillan Bicoedel Limited

T. W. Oneson  
Monsanto Canada Ltd.

I would suggest that you point out to this customer that Askarel fluids have been used throughout the electrical industry for 40 years. Monsanto has manufactured this fluid for this length of time with no difficulty experienced with our own production personnel and with only minor incidences occurring with our customers.

I have attached a copy of the Medical Department statement covering Askarel fluids. In answer to the specific questions posed by Mr. J. M. Graham of the subject company, I would answer them as follows:

1. Exposure to skin: Workers should not have repeated or prolonged exposure to Askarel fluids because of their solvent properties. Excessive exposure causes skin defatting and will create a chapped-like appearance on the workers' skin.
2. Inhalation exposure: At room temperature Askarel fluids pose no inhalation problems because of extremely low vapor pressure. If the fluid is handled at elevated temperatures, proper exhaust ventilation should be used.

Jack T. Garrett

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Attachment

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