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NEMA PROCEDURE TO ELIMINATE
ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD POSED BY ASKAREL

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I have been asked by Dr. Richard to give you my comments on the subject report. My comments are as follows:

This report is excellent in general. The weakest part is the recommended use of landfills for disposal of as much material as would probably be disposed of in that way. Unfortunately, I cannot suggest a better alternative. Use of deep well disposal (Sec. 3, p. 5) should probably never be permitted. It hardly seems that Fullers earth saturated with Askarel would be "burnable" even if contained in cloth bags (Sec. 3, p. 4 & 6). In the light of the recent incident involving a G.E. transformer which developed a leak during shipment, it would seem that more thought should be given to proper procedure to be followed in case of accidents, either during shipment of equipment or fluid. This kind of incident can be very bad publicity and could cause lawsuits if handled poorly as was the case in the above incident.

I think your committee is to be congratulated on the good job they have done.

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