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#### Aspartate

Aspartic acid, D-[2,3-<sup>3</sup>H]-Aspartic acid, L-[2,3-<sup>3</sup>H]-Methyl-D-aspartic acid, *N-[methyl-*<sup>3</sup>H]-

#### Benzodiazepine

Diazepam, [methyl-<sup>3</sup>H]-Flunitrazepam, [methyl-<sup>3</sup>H]-

#### Cholinergic

**Muscarinic** Acetylcholine chloride, [*N-methy*/-<sup>3</sup>H]-Choline chloride, [*methy*/-<sup>3</sup>H]-Pilocarpine, [<sup>3</sup>H(G)]-Scopolamine methyl chloride, [*N-methy*/-<sup>3</sup>H]-

#### Nicotinic

Acetylcholine chloride, [*N-methyl-*<sup>3</sup>H]α-Bungarotoxin, [<sup>125</sup>]]-Choline chloride, [*methyl-*<sup>3</sup>H]-Tubocurarine chloride, *dextro*-[13'-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-

#### Dopaminergic

ADTN Amino-6,7-dihydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene, 2-[5,8-<sup>3</sup>H]-Amphetamine sulfate, D-[<sup>3</sup>H(G)]-Apomorphine, [8,9-<sup>3</sup>H]-Chlorpromazine, [<sup>3</sup>H]-Dihydroxyphenylethylamine, 3,4-[*ethyl*-1-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]- or [*ethyl*-2-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-Haloperidol, [<sup>3</sup>H(G)]-Propylnorapomorphine, *N-[propyl-*<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-Spiroperidol, [1-*phenyl*-4-<sup>3</sup>H]-

#### GABA

Alanine,  $\beta$ -[3-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-Aminobutyric acid,  $\gamma$ -[2,3-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-Dihydropicrotoxinin,  $\alpha$ -[8,10-<sup>3</sup>H]-Isoguvacine hydrochloride, [<sup>3</sup>H]-Muscimol, [*methylene*-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]- or [4-<sup>3</sup>H]-Nipecotic acid, [*ring*-<sup>3</sup>H]-

#### Glutamate

Glutamic acid, L-[3,4-3H]-

#### Glycine

Glycine, [2-<sup>3</sup>H]-

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#### Histamine

H<sub>1</sub> Histamine, [<sup>3</sup>H(G)]-Pyrilamine, [*pyridinyl*-5-<sup>3</sup>H]- (Mepyramine) H<sub>2</sub>

Histamine, [<sup>3</sup>H(G)]-

#### Opiate

Dihydromorphine, [7,8-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-Enkephalin (5-L-leucine), [*tyrosyl*-3,5-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-Enkephalin (5-L-methionine), [*tyrosyl*-3,5-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-Enkephalinamide (2-D-alanine-5-L-methionine), [*tyrosyl-ring*-2,6-<sup>3</sup>H]-Ethylketocyclazocine, [9-<sup>3</sup>H]-

Morphine, [6-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-

#### Serotonin

Hydroxytryptamine binoxalate, 5-[1,2-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-Hydroxytryptamine creatinine sulfate, 5-[1,2-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-

#### Steroid

#### Androgen

Dihydrotestosterone, [1,2,4,5,6,7,16,17-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-Methyltrienolone, [17*α-methyl-*<sup>3</sup>H]- (R1881)\* Testosterone, [1,2,6,7,16,17-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]-

#### Estrogen

Estradiol, [2,4,6,7,16,17-<sup>3</sup>H(N)]lodo-3, 17β-estradiol, 16α-[<sup>125</sup>]]-Moxestrol, [11β-methoxy-<sup>3</sup>H]- (R2858)\*

#### Glucocorticoid

Dexamethasone, [6,7-3H(N)]-Prednisolone, [6,7-3H(N)]-Triamcinolone acetonide, [6,7-3H(N)]-

Mineralocorticoid Aldosterone, D-[1,2,6,7-3H(N)]-

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#### LETTERS

#### Love Canal and Legal Precedent

As Barbara Culliton indicates in the article "Continuing confusion over Love Canal" (News and Comment, 29 Aug., p. 1002), the interactions between law and science are frequently complex and difficult. Nowhere is this more true than when courts must deal with problems of toxicology or epidemiology, where, as Culliton notes, different standards are used in law and science. I believe, however, that Culliton and Science readers may have been misled by some of the quoted comments made by Anthony Roisman of the Department of Justice.

The statutes that deal with the problems of chemical threats to human health frequently do have an "endangerment" standard which requires less than certainty that harm will result (1). It was just such a standard that was used in the Arkansas case referred to by Roisman (2). It is difficult to see, however, how that case can provide a precedent for the Love Canal problem. The Arkansas case involved the current and future storage and disposal of materials contaminated by 2,3,7,8,-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (dioxin) on land currently owned by the Vertac Chemical Corporation and previously owned by Hercules, Inc. The court applied an "endangerment" standard and required Vertac, the current owner, to take various steps to prevent the escape of dioxin; however, the court expressly refused to require Hercules, the former owner, to do anything (3). In the Love Canal situation Hooker Chemical Corporation, the former owner, may well argue that the Arkansas decision regarding Hercules is a precedent in its favor, not against it, as apparently contended by Roisman.

Furthermore, there is a very important difference between the type of legal action in the Arkansas case and that in the Love Canal case. The Arkansas case was an action in equity seeking an injunction ordering the defendants to do or not do specific things; Love Canal is a tort/nuisance suit seeking monetary payments to compensate the plaintiffs for injuries resulting from past actions of the defendants. Equity actions traditionally have less rigorous standards of causal proof than do tort suits. Tort suits require a showing that "but for" the defendant's action the injury would not have occurred (4).

Courts have a great deal of difficulty accepting statistical evidence as proving "but for" causation. Even the best possible scientific study (cytological, epidemiological, or other) could merely conclude that "with a 95 percent (or 99 percent, or any other level) degree of confidence, this chemical pollution resulted in these (cellular, physiological, health) effects." Many legal writers think such a statement might not be sufficient to persuade a court that "but for" causation had been demonstrated (5).

In the Love Canal case, then, contrary to the opinion expressed in Culliton's article, attorneys may require much more proof, not much less proof, than the scientific community would; so much more, in fact, that it might be impossible for scientific studies to meet the needs of the legal system. It may be that a legislative change in the required proof of causation, as is included in some of the "superfund" bills pending in Congress, will be necessary to resolve this issue.

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One searches in vain in the 1979 Survey yearbook for a discussion of geological mapping or research. Publication policy has been changed drastically. High-quality maps and archival book publications are now practically nonexistent; most results of Survey work are relased in open-file reports of uneven quality, available only at relatively high cost. Hard money for basic geological mapping and geochemical, geophysical, and paleontological projects no longer exists in the Survey budget. All such work must now be justified under a mission-oriented, line-item program within a politically tangled system of budget management.

If organized concern is not soon expressed regarding the plight of research in the Survey, I fear that it may go down the drain as a driving force in American science. The scientific community should be alerted to these developments. PORTER M. KIER

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analysis of behavioral events, for which purpose the display module is used to indicate the experiment number and time (Fig. 1). The time readout, given in minutes, seconds, and sixtieths of a second, changes with each video frame and can thus serve as a frame and time marker in playback analysis. Since the module can provide a readout of virtually any numerical variable, it is broadly applicable. The cost of the hardware is approximately \$50.

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If science is defined as the systematic knowledge of the physical world, then engineering may be defined as the knowledge of how to apply science for the use of mankind. It follows that engineering cannot exist without science and, conversely, that science supported with public funds must be mindful of the needs of engineering. In the past, engineering has drawn heavily on the physical sciences; for example, integrated circuits and computers have benefited greatly from solid-state physics and mathematics. It seems inevitable that new branches of engineering will emerge based on pioneering work in fields ranging from microbiology to geology.

There are historical, cultural, and other differences between scientists and engineers. Scientists commonly cooperate as individuals on a worldwide scale. Engineers tend to work more in teams within the same organization. A scientist is honored by having a natural phenomenon named after him. An engineer is promoted to head his team or company. Scientists publish, engineers patent their results. Relatively more scientists than engineers work in universities, perform research, and are supported with public funds.

Nevertheless, such distinctions are becoming blurred; engineers are publishing their results and scientists are patenting new organisms. I would like to see a conscious effort to forge a closer alliance between scientists and engineers. This would be in the national interest and should take place at different organizational levels. Mutual understanding and cooperation can be fostered either informally, by joint meetings and activities and overlapping individual memberships, or more formally, by written agreements and joint organizations. For example, the National Science Foundation could provide the focus for engineering that it already provides for science. Alternatively, this focus could be provided by a National Engineering Foundation closely connected to the NSF by interlocking directorates (that is, boards of directors with overlapping memberships).

On 13 December 1979, the engineering societies formed an umbrella organization called the American Association of Engineering Societies (AAES), which could in time develop joint activities with the AAAS. There is already cooperation between the Engineering Manpower Commission and the Scientific Manpower Commission, and there is a semiautonomous Engineers' and Scientists' Joint Committee on Pensions, for which AAES supplies the secretariat. Several engineering societies have followed the lead of the AAAS and established Congressional Fellowships. The annual analysis of the federal R & D budget by the AAAS was performed last year with the participation of other scientific and engineering societies.

These cooperative endeavors are excellent, but are still few and far between. Science and engineering play different but interlocking roles, both geared to improving the quality of life. A high-priority objective for both scientists and engineers should be that of improving the understanding of science and engineering by corporation boards and company management as well as by government agencies and offices. This can be achieved by educating those already in place, by increasing the number of scientists and engineers in decision-making positions, and by placing more emphasis on science and engineering in high school and college, where minimal standards of technical literacy should be required of all who aspire to graduate. These are goals to which all scientific and technical societies can dedicate themselves.-LEO YOUNG, President, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., New York 10017

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