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Air is drawn through a fan and vented through a flame arrester well below lower explosive limits. The solvent-laden mineral oil collected at the bottom of the absorption column is pumped through a heat exchanger, then to the Mineral Oil Heater, and finally to the top of the Mineral Oil Stripper. Here the solvent is removed from the mineral oil by live steam evaporation as the mineral oil trickles down through the tower packing. The solvent vapors drawn off at the top of the stripping column travel back to the evaporator condenser (or in some cases the vent condenser). Solvent-free mineral oil collected at the bottom of the mineral oil stripper is recycled through the Mineral Oil Interchanger/Cooler, then back to the absorption column where the cycle is repeated.
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