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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Aldrich
FROM: Jen Maxwell-Muir
Lori Jarman
DATE: April 14, 1992
SUBJECT: Residential Comments

Here are the public comments we've collected for distribution to EPA. It includes a summary of the public attitude data collected by Elway as well as a listing of select comments received from Community Update readers since distribution began in March 1990.

Please call me if you have any questions.

cc: Mike Thorp
Linda Larson
Dave Marriott
Teresa Stewart

**PUBLIC ATTITUDE RESEARCH SUMMARY
FOR THE
RUSTON RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP**

Prepared by ASARCO Incorporated

Below is a brief summary of residents' opinions on the Ruston residential cleanup. This information is taken from a March 1992 public attitude survey of Ruston and Tacoma registered voters living in the 98407 ZIP code area. The research was conducted by Elway Research, Inc., an independent, Seattle-based firm.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Have you seen or heard anything recently about the smelter cleanup?

Yes:	86%
No:	14%

2. What have you heard about the cleanup of residential areas around the site? I am talking about the residential cleanup, not the cleanup at the smelter site itself. (OPEN RESPONSE)

Top soil replacement:	18%
Nothing:	13%
How large the contaminated area is:	8%
Heard about it:	7%
Taking soil samples:	6%
Present removal of materials:	6%

3. As you may know, the cleanup work may include removing top soil and sod from some property and replacing it with new soil and sod. Do you think your own property should be cleaned up in this way?

Yes:	11%
No:	68%
Not sure:	21%

4. Which of these categories best describes your approximate household income -
- before taxes -- for last year:

Less than \$20,000:	17%
\$20 - 30,000	16%
\$30 - 40,000	19%
\$40 - 60,000	14%
Over \$60,000	12%
No answer:	22%

5. Gender

Male:	50%
Female:	50%

6. Residence:

Ruston:	10%
Tacoma:	90%

NAME/ADDRESS

MRS. LEFA ALLSUP
3727 N. BALTIMORE
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 759-0225

RESPONSE

I REALLY THINK ITS A CROCK, THIS CLEANUP IS NOT NEEDED WE HAVE LIVED IN THIS FOR FOR OVER EIGHTY YEARS. THERE WAS NO TROUBLE YEARS BACK, WHY NOW? EVERYONE ED I KNOW LIVED INTO THEIR 80'S. MR. GALLAGHER, MR GARRISON. MY DAD WAS 92- S T HERMAN BLANK. CANVAS THE "OLD TIMERS".

LEFA ALLSUP
3727 NORTH BALTIMORE
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 759-0225

I DON'T GO ALONG WITH ALL THE NEGATIVE TALK ABOUT RUSTON AND THE FORMER SMELTER. IF PEOPLE WANT THEIR GROUND CHANGED LET THEM DO IT. IT ISN'T THE OLD TIMERS THAT ARE CAUSING ALL THE TALK AGAINST THE RUSTON SOIL. I WAS BORN IN RUSTON IN 1907 IN THE TIME OF THE SMALL STACK. RAISED FOUR CHILDREN. THEY ARE ALL WELL AS I AM. MY DAD WORKED THERE WAS EVEN SENT TO CHILE TO HELP BUILD A SMELTER THERE. PEOPLE CANT BAD MOUTH RUSON TO ME.

MRS. LEFA ALLSUP
3727 NORTH BALTIMORE
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH:

I WAS BORN, RAISED AND MARRIED IN RUSTON. I LOVED IT. ALL THE HULABOUU ABOUT THE SMELTER IS NONSENSE. YOU HAVE MAD ALL MY THOUGHTS. I HAVE LIVED I IN RUSTON MOST OF MY LIFE. I AM NEARING 85 AND DOING WELL.

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LEFA ALLSUP
3727 N. BALTIMORE
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RESPONSE

WHY ANYONE NEEDS PROTECTION FROM THE SMELTER. I'M ONE OF THE "OLD TIMERS" HAVING BEEN BORN AND RAISED IN RUSTON. AS I'VE WRITTEN BEFORE, I RAISED FOUR CHILDREN OF MY OWN, PLUS CARING FOR A FEW EXTRAS. ALL THE CHILDREN ARE GROWN AND WELL. I WILL BE 85 IN MARCH. THE SMELTER IS CLOSED NOW, BUT THE STACK HAS BEEN A LANDMARK FOR YEARS. I HATE THINKING OF IT BEING GONE. I'D RATHER SEE THE EPA GO!

MR/MRS LARRY ARCHER
4409 N. 26TH
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 752-1770

WE HAVE BEEN AT THIS ADDRESS FOR OVER 43 YEARS. OUTSIDE OF WILTING A FEW FLOWER DAMAGING THE LEAVES ON TREES OR SHRUBS, I HAVE NEVER KNOWN OF OR HEARD OF ANYONE GETTING SICK WITH CANCER OR DYING FROM ANY FUMES OR ANY THING ELSE FROM THE SMELTER. GIVE THESE EPA BOYS AN INCH AND THEY WANT A MILE.

HARRY ASPDEN
6318 N. 50TH STREET
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH:

TALK ABOUT A CHINESE FIRE DRILL! IF PART OF MY MONEY WASN'T BEING SPENT I WOULD LAUGH MYSELF SICK - ALL THE MONIES BEING SPENT BY THE MUTS ON EPA TO KEEP THEIR SOFT JOBS IS A BOMANZA TO THE SQUIRRELS. WHY NOT SPEND THE MONEY ON RESEARCH AND STOP FUTURE CONTAMINATION.

NAME/ADDRESS

B. BITTERLY
5606 N. 46TH
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH:

RESPONSE

I WOULD BE GOOD ONE FOR ASARCO. I HATE TO HEAR COMPLAINS WHO USUALLY ARE ALL WR MY NEIGHBOR WAS 96 WHEN HE DIED & LIVED HERE SINCE 1922 AND GARDENED ALL BUT LAS YEARS. I'VE ONLY BEEN HAVE SINCE 68 & ONLY HAD TROUBLE ONCE BUT DID NOTICE IT B IN OTHER AREAS AS 19 & BRIDGEFORT AND ORCHARD & 26. PLEASE WHO LIVE IN RUSTOM WORK IN TACOMA SOUTH SHOULD MOVE OR SHUT UP.

DENNIS L. CRUMBLEY
5018 NORTH 29TH STREET
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 756-0729

STAY WITH IT. WE MISS YOU! YOU MADE IT THRU THE BIG DEPRESSION KEEPING A LOT OF PEOPLE GOING. THE OVERKILL OF THE FEW SUPER CONSERVATIVES HAS HURT MANY. WE HAVE LIVED, ATE FRUIT & VEGGIES, AND OUR SHARE OF DUST ETC IN THE NORTH END FOR OVER 27 YEARS. OUR CHILDREN HAVE GROWN UP HEALTHY AND HAPPY.

RICHARD FURSETH
3919 N. 29TH ST.
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 759-5652

IT SEEMS LIKE COUNTY COULD USE OLD SMOKE STACK TO BURN WOOD SCRAP, LIMBS, EXTRA CARDBOARD, PAPER FROM THE NORTHEND, DOWNTOWN AREAS AND BUILD STEAM PLANT TO HEAT NEW BUILDINGS IN THAT AREA. IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO CONSOLIDATE MATERIAL ONSITE OTHER THAN MOVE.

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EVELYN HILDEBRAND
3913 N. 36TH
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 759-7422

I'M 82 AND LIVED HERE ALL OF MY LIFE AND NEVER ILL. I FEEL THEY (E.P.A.) HAVE G
OVERBOARD ON "CLEANUP" LET NATURE TAKE CARE OF IT.

ARNOLD KESE
2915 N. 30TH
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 759-4174

FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS, EVERY SINGLE WORKING DAY, IN ROASTERS
DEPARTMENT, I WAS WORKING WITH ARSENIC ORE, MOSTLY SENDING TO
ARSENIC DEPARTMENT. ARSENIC - "LIKE WAITING NOW" - WAS NOT
POISONOUS TO ME JUST NOW I AM 80 YEARS OLD (BORN 5-5-1910) STILL
IN VERY GOOD HEALTH EVEN FOR A DRIVERS LICENSE TEST, I DON'T NEED
GLASSES. I BELIEVE WHEN ASARCO CLEAN UP FOR HEAL PROTECTION,
ABSOLUTELY FOR NOBODY ARE NOT HELPFUL. ONLY FOR - "SOMEPLACE
MISUNDERSTANDING" - ASARCO CO. ARE WASTING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

CARL J. KMECHT
5822 NORTH 35TH #01
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 759-5564

I HAVE LIVED IN THE NORTH END OF TACOMA (CLOSE TO ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH) SINCE
1920. HAVE GOME TO SCHOOL WITH NUMEROUS PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN RUSTON PROPER.
HAVE SEEN NO ILL EFFECTS IN ANY OF THEM. I QUESTION THE NECESSITY OF ANY OF
THE FOOLING AROUND WITH THE SMELTER PROPERTY.

NAME/ADDRESS

JACK LARSON
5024 NORTH VISSCHER STREET
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 759-0558

RESPONSE

ATTEMPTING TO MOVE EARTH AROUND ABOVE & BELOW WATERLEVEL IN SUCH AN AREA AS LARGE AS THIS RUSTON SITE WOULD BE FOLLY BECAUSE OF THE COSTS VS GAINS. UNDER WATER IN PARTICULAR. I WOULD SAY LEAVE IT AS IT IS BECAUSE STIRRING IT UP WOULD BE WORSE THAN LETTING IT CONTINUE TO ENCRUST OVER WITH MARINELLIFE

ROY R. MYERS, JR.
3822 NORTH STEVENS STREET
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 759-1247

DEAR MR. ALDRICH: THANK YOU AND ASARCO FOR INFORMATION FROM THE OTHER SIDE ON THE POLLUTION ISSUE. MANY LIKE MYSELF REFUSED TO BE SMOKED BY PROPAGANDA OF EPA MANIACS. WE BELIEVE ASARCO TACOMA NEEDED TO UP-GRADE AND MODERNIZE & ASARCO SEEMS TO BE COOPERATING TO THIS END. 250 JOBS WAS TOO EXPENSIVE A TRADE-OFF TO EPA. WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE YOU HOLDING EPAS FEET TO THE FIRE. WE CITIZENS LET EPA OFF THE HOOK TOO EASILY BY NOT REQUIRING HARD PROOF OF THEIR CLAIMS THAT ASARCO HAD DAMAGED THE ENVIRONMENT TO THE EXTENT THEY CLAIM ED. WE LIVE WITHIN A MILE OF THE STACK. I GROW FRUITS AND VEGATABLES EVERY YEAR. WE'VE EATEN ALOT OF LEAF VEGATABLES, AND ROOTS, FOR 20 YEARS AT THIS ADDRESS, AND IN TOP HEALTH AT 68 YEARS OLD. DO YOU WANT MY BLOOD FOR TESTING?

NORTHEND RESIDENCE

PH:

EPA IS GOING OVERBOARD - THE SITUATION IS PROBABLY CLOSE TO "ZERO" AT THE PRESEN TIME. UPON SITE CLEANUP, THERE IS BOUND TO BE FLARE-UP OF ARSENIC AND OTHER CONTAMINATED HEALTH EFFECTS - BUT IT IS ONLY TEMPORARY AND SHOULD BE LOOKED AT " NECESSARY MEANS TO AND END!"
SIGNED, NORTHEND RESIDENCE NEAR JANE CLARK PLAYFIELD AND LIVED IN AREA SINCE 196 AM CONCERNED, BUT REALISTIC - AND A SUPPORTER OF "EARTH DAY" THANK YOU, TAX PAYE

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PAMELA SAND
3732 NORTH HUDSON
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH:

I WILL BE INTERESTED TO HEAR WHY THE CLEANUP IS TAKING SO LONG.

CATHERINE SLEAVIN
6918 N. 27TH
TACOMA, WA 98406
PH:

I FEEL THAT YOU ARE BEING ORDERED TO AN OVERLY LARGE AMOUNT OF LAND OR SOIL
SUBSTITUTION ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CHECK THE SOIL IN THE BLOCK OF MY RENTAL AT
4221 N. GOVE.

JOHN B. VALE
4516 N. HUDSON ST.
TACOMA, WA 98407
PH: 759-6829

I, JOHN VALE WAS BORN IN RUSTON, NOV. 21ST 1902 I AM 87 YEARS OLD NOW. I WORKE
THE TACOMA SMELTER FOR 34 YEARS AND HAVE BEEN RETIRED NOW FOR 22 YEARS. ARSENIC
NOT FAULTED OR SOME PEOPLE THINK. I HAVE A APPLE TREE THAT MY FATHER PLANTED I
1904 AND IT STILL HAS GRAVENSTEIN APPLES.