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Mrs. W. Kuckelshaus:

We are island residents of ten years. We went to buy land here on Vashon and have recalled for years between moving somewhere else precisely because of the toxic waste coming from Ruston. Every year we plant a garden, can, dry, and freeze approximately 50% of our food, some of which we trade to friends for fruits we don't grow. We live at the north end of Vashon, roughly three miles from the northmost tip. Because of the questions about the effects of atomic war people who grow food as we do, we will not leave any further south. We want to know if our food is safe.

Having followed the course problem for ten years, we have seen new restrictions set and extensions overriding those previous restrictions ~~for~~ come and go. We emphatically support the smelter closure.

We need to be tested for arsenic in our bread, wine etc, and our soil tested, see over the island. Give us a chance to find out how much the arsenic is affecting us, and make sure it is someone who has the ~~the~~ medically/scientifically appropriate qualifications — not a local Asarco ~~political~~ politician. I imagine you'd feel the same if this problem was in Medina.

Yours for a Cleaner World,

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