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Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Director  
William Ruckelshaus  
401 M Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20406

Re: ASARCO/Proposed Standards  
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Mr. Ruckelshaus:

This letter is to express concern over the recent EPA proposed standards relative to ASARCO in Tacoma, Washington.

As a parent and a Vashon, Washington property owner~~resident~~ I am concerned that with the proposed standards health issues are not the prime issue. I believe the health related issues should take precedence over potential job losses. Ask any one with a family member dying of cancer if they would trade the cancer for a lost job.

I believe that it is imperative the EPA consider the health issues first and foremost in devising ASARCO standards for arsenic, sulfur dioxide and SO<sup>2</sup> emissions. I would also urge the EPA to 1) be instrumental in placing an arsenic air monitor on Vashon Island before August 30; and 2) fund an epidemiological study to include a voluntary health screening program.

I would greatly appreciate a response from you regarding my stated concerns. I do thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Jensen*

cc: Central Docket Section, EPA (LE-131)  
Laurie Kral, EPA, Seattle, WA