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SUBJECT: Lead Toxicity

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1. Attached is copy of a "Washington Post" article that will warm your heart.

There has been a big flap about this at Tacoma (re Asarco), and you should be aware of it since Dr. Blot rather carelessly states that there is a community-wide risk from arsenic emissions from these (copper and lead) smelters.

Please find out quietly what data exists relative to lung cancer in the Herculaneum area communities in relation to State averages. Gary Welch should make sure we get the "maps" when issued.

2. We understand EPA is going to issue a contract for lead toxicity incidence study for different age groups near lead smelters. This study is not to be confused with the one planned in cooperation with the Communicable Disease Center focused on infants. Please advise anything you learn from State officials concerning this study.

Incidentally, I understand Shell is very upset over not being consulted or "clued-in" on the EPA-CDC study. Suggest you encourage him to either not cooperate or insist the State be included in the planning and execution of the study, and offer to cooperate or help in any reasonable way. Let's keep in touch and know in advance what is going on in respect to site studies.



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