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Subject: NEWSPAPER CLIPPING - TORONTO STAR

THANKS ALOT FOR SENDING ME THE ARTICLE.

YOU ARE CORRECT. THE 1/2 F/CC LEVEL IS A PROPOSAL ONLY AND HAS NOT BEEN ACTUALLY ENACTED INTO THE LAW.

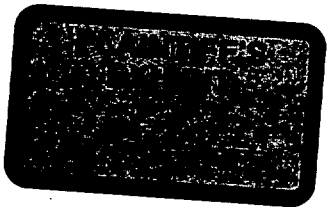
AS YOU MIGHT SUSPECT, WE ARE MOUNTING A VERY STRONG PROGRAM TO PROTEST WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE UNNECESSARY RESTRICTIVE STANDARDS. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL MEDICAL BITS OF EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT SUCH A LOW LEVEL STANDARD IS NEEDED.

WE HAVE RESEARCHED THE SO-CALLED NEW DATA LARGELY BASED ON TWO STUDIES--ONE DONE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AT THE HOME-STAKE GOLD MINE IN SOUTH DAKOTA (TOTALLY UNSCIENTIFIC AND ONE OF THE MOST IRRESPONSIBLE PAPERS); AND THE OTHER SO-CALLED NEW INFORMATION WHICH RELATES TO THE TURNER BROTHERS STUDY IN ENGLAND. DR. WRIGHT AND I SPEND A WEEK IN ENGLAND IN JANUARY MEETING AND DISCUSSING THE PROBLEMS WITH OUR COUNTERPARTS AT TURNER BROTHERS. THE FACTS COME THROUGH RATHER LOUD AND CLEAR--THIS DATA CAN IN NO WAY BE UTILIZED TO JUSTIFY A LOWERING OF THE EXISTING U.S. STANDARD.

WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS DEVELOPMENTS PROCEED.

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W. B. REITZE



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