

**TELEPHONE NOTE**

April 12, 1994

I received a call from Arlene Giliberto concerning early results of Rockwell's second round of soil and water sampling. A soil sample taken on March 10<sup>th</sup> from the property line area below Rockwell's sodium burn pit measured positive for mercury. This area tested positive in 1992 and Rockwell subsequently removed some soil from the area (about 3 drums full.) The March sampling was supposed to confirm that the residual mercury had been removed.

Arlene asked me whether re-sampling or re-analysis was indicated from this positive result. I told her that re-analysis was appropriate, for now. She subsequently arranged to split the remainder of the sample 3 ways. One each for us, for EPA and for Rockwell's lab to re-analyze. I agreed to have our split analyzed for mercury.

Frankly, I'm not surprised by the positive test for mercury. Since it was first detected in 1992, there has been soil movement due to rain and wind. It is certainly possible that there are several spots with small traces of mercury in that area. Trying to locate and remove them all is a difficult job--more difficult than shoveling out a few barrels of soil. Although I can see Rockwell's desire to declare the area "clean," I am not prepared to say that it is, no matter how many barrels of soil Rockwell digs up.

April 14, 1994

On this date I forwarded our request to sample wells drilled on BBI property to Pam Blandino at Rockwell. This is the same request sent to you on April 4<sup>th</sup>. I expect full cooperation from Pam and should be doing the initial sampling some time in May.