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I live in the Love Canal area. We have been victims of greed in today's society without the least concern for human lives.

Less than two blocks away sits the 93rd Street School. The children attending this school and the residents in the area are being exposed to radiation and the newly discovery of a swale that is running through the school. The State Health Department has informed me that there are no guidelines for radiation exposure. In fact, the Governor's office informed me that if one stood on the most radioactive site 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year, that would be approximately the same amount of radiation as one gets in two dental x-rays. According to the Health Department, in no way can radiation harm you in years to come.

OSHA has documented such guidelines for radiation exposure. It this is so, why isn't the State aware of such documentation?

Marvin Resnikoff, Chairman of the Sierra Club's Nuclear subcommittee and an instructor of Buffalo's Rachel Carson College disputes the State's conclusion on the radiation in the area.

A decision must be made since the whole area is contaminated. These children are the future of America. Human lives should not be used for the sake of progress. The people that say this is all part of progress don't stop to think that what good is progress if it means the possible destruction of the world and our future generations to come.

Hooker is partially at fault for not telling us the seriousness of the chemicals and the Government is responsible for not having any type of control for these plants.

Too many people have turned their backs on us -- We will not be plagued with the illnesses that surrounds us.

We ask that the whole area from 93rd to 103rd Street be totally and permanently evacuated so we too can live.

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