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Will there be any settlement or containment ponds for liquid waste? Will there be any slag heaps? If so, how will these be remediated? What guarantees are there that effluents wouldn't spill or leach into the Pend Oreille River or the aquifer?

Have any studies been done as to the change in property values in the vicinity other similar smelter facilities? I am a homeowner in Sandpoint and cannot afford for the value of my home to be reduced to nothing.

As I understand it, part of the reason for the Newport location is because the relatively good air quality allows for more emissions while still being within legal limits. Our wildfire seasons are increasing in length and severity. Do the projections for the future still allow for the emissions from the smelter to remain within limits?

I do not want this area to be turned into the next Silver Valley. Surely we can find better businesses to move here.