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To the Dept. of Ecology:

It is my understanding that the following is true: The Spokane Tribe has a Class I Air Quality designation. The site of the proposed smelter in Newport is 38 miles from Spokane. Any project within a 50-mile radius cannot infringe on that Air Quality designation. Therefore, a proposed smelter should not be considered for this location, because it would not meet the air quality standards. Why is this not a cut-off point? In light of this, why is the Dept. of Ecology giving this proposed project any consideration at all? Please explain.

Class I Air quality standards need to be adhered to.

Thank you for your time.