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As a life-time resident of Idaho and Bonner County, I know that an industrial-polluting plant of this kind has no place in our region.

From direct observation and a deep understanding of the weather system and water sources we enjoy, it is unthinkable that a plant like this would be situated in our vicinity. With our cyclic, seasonal air inversions that last for many weeks at a time the residents down-wind of this proposed plant will face extreme health risks and premature deaths due to pollution trapped in the valley channels of our unique topography. Clearly, allowing this plant to be built will negatively and significantly alter the lives and health of every human and living thing in our region. As an asthma survivor, I know directly the negative threat this plant will have on me and my fellow citizen's health.

Factor in these additional life-altering, negative results:

- intense strain on our county's road system that are barely maintained and sometimes impassable in winter conditions.
- added increased deaths resulting from escalating congestion.
- the financial, back-breaking burden to public health and emergency systems that will have to deal with a many-fold increase in demands this industry will unload on our tax payer.
- the depth of destructive residue and waste tailings that will result that are left for us to mitigate into perpetuity.
- the lack of any kind of financial benefits to our State and counties to help us attempt to deal with the burdens imposed,
- the overburden of paying for some foreign country's negligent corporation (with its onerous history of polluting and lack of community responsibility) with no consideration for the burden it adds to local residents.
- ill-conceived, profit-motivated greed of Washington State and Pend Oreille county's with the illegal rigging of it's established zoning laws to allow for this land-use travesty.

All of the above negative aspects of ever allowing such an industry into our region are too great to allow with your decision to proceed with this process. Your decision to entertain establishing a polluting industry such as this will mar all future generations that call this region home. I strongly urge the WDE to end considering this plant and not allow it to progress any further.

If this plant were allowed in your personal neighborhood, you know what the answer is . . . distance and contempt for another's way of life are the only factors that could justify consideration for a plant of this kind in our midst.