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Potential down-side risks of the Pac West proposed silicon smelter are many. One at the top of my list is the impact of all the additional rail traffic through my community and the unfortunate fact that the railroad carriers have been exempted from emissions regulation. As you know diesel emissions are known carcinogens and have been shown to exacerbate asthma especially among the young and the elderly. The proposed smelter will bring an unacceptable increase in rail traffic through our already over-stressed infrastructure with zero form of compensation to the local residents. I would propose studying diesel emissions of multiple-engine trains which carry heavy loads such as coal and hard rock, there can be as many as five engines required to motor these long and heavy trains. Under load, these engines produce prodigious amounts of PM 2.5 particles, the worst offenders.

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