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Dear Department of Ecology,

I am a concerned citizen of North Idaho regarding the proposed silicon smelter. The Environmental Impact Study must address a number of concerns:

1. Why is the SEPA process only in the state of Washington, when there is also significant impact in Idaho and Canada?
2. What measurable effect will the coal particulate have on the water table and air quality? What are the current benchmarks for these?
3. How can the smelter be stopped from harming all the local businesses and industries that rely on the clean air and water via tourism and recreational activities?
4. How will the road infrastructure be improved in order to accommodate additional truck traffic in an already congested area?
5. How will the waste hydrochloric acid, nitric acid and caustic potash be dealt with?
6. In an area with already many wildfires, how will the additional air pollution from the smelter affect children and the elderly from increased exposure to SO₂, NO_x and PM pollutants? What types of air quality monitors will be installed.
7. What type of coal will be used? How is the coal transported to the site?

This is just a small list of the huge number of concerns myself and all citizens of North Idaho have. The effects of this smelter in our day to day lives from the air and water pollution is unacceptable.

Sincerely,
Kyle Hausam, P.E.