Gonzaga Students

We are a group of Environmental Studies students from Gonzaga University. Some of the students in our group are Spokane residents who commute through the Newport area, so this will directly impact them. We are concerned about the smelter's impact on air quality. One specific issue is increased traffic to the area due to new jobs and bringing materials to the site. This traffic will not only create congestion in the small town of Newport, but also increase greenhouse emissions from cars. We are also concerned about the emissions from the smelter itself, as it burns fuel. As of now, the air quality is good, but how much will the air quality decrease due to the smelter? It should be investigated how air patterns might move the emissions into the many nearby national forests. How will these emissions affect nearby wildlife and the people of Newport?