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With the summer air quality in NE Washington increasingly affected by smoke from area wildfires, if PacWest is to be permitted to build a smelter in Newport, the smelter should be required to stand-down during times when air quality is negatively impacted by smoke. In 2018 that included periods in July, August and into September.

Independent air quality monitoring stations throughout Pend Oreille County and Idaho's Panhandle should be mandatory, accessible online for anyone. Independent water quality monitoring should likewise be mandated and accessible to population online.

By these methods citizens can watch over a more accurate assessment of the regional impact.