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Thank you Department of Ecology for the opportunity to comment on the smelter project located in Newport Washington. There has been much information sent out by media, word of mouth, formal and informal meetings, etc.

I am concerned with the accuracy of the information being circulated. I expect Department of Ecology will provide an impartial and full disclosure of the expected impacts to water use, water supply, water quality, air quality, transportation to all communities, states, and countries potentially affected. A full financial disclosure on the impacts of the economic analysis, both benefits and deficits that would result would be presented as well.

The impacts of a silicon smelter plant being built in a non-industrial location are very far reaching to our existing health, economic, social, and everyday life conditions.

Please address how housing, transportation, and natural resources will be impacted in the 200 mile radius by this smelter plant being located in Newport, Washington. What does this mean to the residents and local and state governments of the impacted area.

I am concerned that night time light pollution is considered a non-issue. Would there not be any lighted parking areas or security/safety lighting? No blinking lights on towers or high elevation components?

What are the economic and resource impacts of building rail to the plant? Increased transportation and impacts to local, county, and state roads? Noise pollution is a concern from train traffic.

Potential access to the site has been unclear; whether or not it can be achieved by the appropriate easement process? How will these impacts be mitigated? What are the direct and indirect effects of the action(s)?

How has the water use been determined? Retaining storm water is not likely to be effective with the climate of the area and should not be relied upon as a mitigation. Use of 5,000 gallons a day is going to impact the local aquifer. What studies have been completed to determine the full impact of this on the community businesses and residences in the area? What impact will this have on surface waters and wetlands in the area? What will the ripple effect be on aquatic organisms, terrestrial organisms, and groundwater resources?

I look forward to productive communication throughout this process. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns and questions.

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