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HiTest/PacWest has demonstrated a clear tendency to misrepresent the truth. Just one example: The PacWest website states: "Production process does not require or produce any heavy metals or hazardous chemicals as by-products – All materials required during production process and consumed leave the plant as a saleable product". But there will be hundreds of thousands of tons of annual toxic emissions—the by-products—that the HiTest PacWest website claims will not exist. This is a clear misrepresentation.

How can HiTest/PacWest be trusted to operate their facility in an honest manner when they publicly make these types of false claims.?

Who will be monitoring the daily emissions and activities of the smelter?

Will there be an independent organization selected to monitor the facility's emissions, safety, and conduct?

Will citizens be given the opportunity to interview and participate in environmental monitoring firms?

HiTest/PacWest has demonstrated a condescending, arrogant attitude toward the citizens of Newport and Pend Oreille county. They even said that the reason they want to be here is for the cheap electricity. They have absolutely no concern about the health of our environment and our community.