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Little attention has been given to the 18-24 month construction period of the proposed Newport silicon metals smelter. It too will create a bedlam of various contamination and pollution sources for the City of Newport's drinking water, the Little Spokane River aquifer, the Pend Oreille River basin and all other groundwater sources. What are the plans to prevent contamination of ground water during the construction period?

Construction chemicals will include arsenic, asbestos, benzene, cadmium, chloride, copper, cyanide and others. PacWest needs to identify all sources of construction chemicals and how they will be used? How the environment will be protected from them? And, how the waste will be disposed and where it will be disposed?