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I am totally opposed to this project. I moved to this beautiful area four years ago to enjoy the clean air, wildlife, rivers, lakes, trees, vegetation, etc. The toxins from the smelter would destroy all of this. The areas where there are other smelters, or where they were, are absolutely destroyed. Not only have the people in those areas gotten sick with numerous ailments, the soil is totally contaminated to the point of having to be hauled out and replaced with good soil, i.e. Kellogg, Idaho. I do not feel that putting the smelter in Newport is worth the damage it would cause. Our entire environment would be contaminated. Not only would we not be able to eat what we hunted, or eat the fish we caught, we would no longer be able to have gardens or ever have a breath of fresh air. I think it would be criminal to subject any of us to these toxins, especially the chronically ill, those with respiratory problems, the elderly, and our beautiful babies and children.

There are two ways to process the silicon metals. I believe this needs to be studied thoroughly so that as few emissions as possible are leaked into the air. The best solution is to not put it here at all.