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We (our entire family and All of our friends) have deep concerns regarding the willingness/ability of Washington State Dept. of Environment (WDE) to create AND enforce a NON-BIASED Environmental Impact Statement(EIS).

We do not trust Pac west, as their "facts" keep changing, so what type of checks and balances, will be in place, to monitor the pollution emitted?

How can the WDE even consider BEGINNING this EIS process when the legality of the purchase of said property is in litigation?

How can Pac West "legally" access said property to "proceed with preliminary testing", when they have no "legal" right of way?

How will the smelters' water use, disposal of polluted water and run off, effect the quality of our well water? Pend Oreille River? Surrounding waterways?

It was stated at the public comments meeting in Newport, that "All environmental issues will NOT be addressed in the EIS". What if the public disagrees with the selection of questions? That we believe the questions selected help Pac West to evade the real issues?