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I am opposed to the smelter in Newport because of the effects it will have on the environment. There is no way to adequately mitigate the effects of yet another major carbon emitter (as described in the Spokesman Review*). My family lives downwind and we will be effected by the air pollution. Groundwater withdrawals are another concern. They will be extracting and using large amounts of pristine water from the Little Spokane aquifer, and then discharging the spent water which will no longer be pristine. That is our precious, limited in quantity drinking water they are taking. Cheap electricity is the reason given for wanting to build this smelter, but no one seems to want to put a dollar cost on the environmental externalities, which are very real and will have lasting consequences to the health and well being of the citizens of WA and ID. This is wrong. I do not support the smelter!

Respectfully submitted,
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*<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/sep/18/newport-smelter-hearing-draws-skeptical-crowd/>