

Wes Hanson

Dear Sirs,

I think it is generally a bad idea to locate smelting plants in areas that have had little prior contamination. Why keep spreading toxins into the environment? Siting facilities like this only creates an array of polluted sites which are very difficult to monitor, somewhat similar to monitoring and controlling non-point source pollution.

In your review of the proposal please examine if released toxins endure in soil and transform its chemistry, if they are taken up by plants and if animals and humans ingest them through browsing or consumption of agricultural products. Please also investigate if ingested toxins alter fish, reptilian, amphibian and mammalian bodily functions such as the nervous, endocrine and reproductive systems.

While I am concerned about the immediate impacts of released toxins on health and the environment, I am even more concerned about the enduring negative effects of degrading landscapes and putting at risk lives dependent on them.

Sincerely,

Wes Hanson