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This seems to me a terrible location for a silicon smelter, and I am profoundly concerned about how it will affect the area--especially as some of my teaching and research is done at an environmental studies center not far downstream on the Little Spokane River. I urge the Washington State Department of Ecology to conduct as stringent and wide-ranging an environmental review as possible, among other things ensuring that accurate long-term weather data is collected in order to determine what the likely effects on air quality would be. I also urge a thorough review of the possible impacts on water quality and supply, particularly since the headwaters of the Little Spokane River are nearby.