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Grant Pfeifer
Washington Department of Ecology
Spokane WA

Dear Mr. Pfeifer:

I would like to bring to your attention several serious concerns pertaining to the public scoping process for the proposed PacWest Silicon Smelter project (further addressed as "Project").

- The Project is of such large magnitude that the Governor Inslee designated it in August 2016 as a Project of Statewide Significance.
- With the expected production of 73,000 tons of silica per year, and with the expected twofold output increase to some 146,000 tons per year in the near future, the PacWest Silicon Smelter Project would rank as one of the largest, if not The Largest, silicon smelter in the World.
- The Project is expected by the PacWest's own calculations to emit large quantities of regulated hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), toxic air pollutants (TAPs), greenhouse gases (GHGs), fine particulate matter (PM) including PM2.5, volatile organic compounds (VOC), and heavy metals.
- The Project's emissions are to be released continuously into the surrounding environment.
- The Project's emissions are known to be toxic to the people, animals, and plants, they are known to cause acid rain, and act as greenhouse gases. Many are known carcinogens, teratogens, and agents harmful to the developing children and adults.

In view of the magnitude of this Project, with it's potential to create harm to the human population of the whole area, in addition to the damage to the ecosystem, watersheds and the clean rivers and the lakes, it is not prudent of the Department of Ecology to hold only one public meeting at each of the three currently scheduled communities, meetings poorly advertised and with very short advanced notice. There are thousands of residents who oppose this Project and they all have a right to be heard, yet with only three 150 minutes meetings that seems impossible. Comment period that's open through the October 11th can be used only by the people with computers. Why is The Department of Ecology limiting public input?

I request that no less than two meetings be scheduled, as a minimum, at each of the following locations, well in advance and well advertised that people can make arrangements with their work schedules to attend the meetings: Newport WA, Spokane WA, Kalispel Tribe WA, Priest River ID, Sandpoint ID, Coeur d'Alene ID, Bonners Ferry ID, and Pullman WA/Moscow ID. All these communities are within 100 miles of the proposed Project, and they all would be negatively affected by the hazardous and toxic emissions.

Sincerely,

Milena Stoszek 9-12-2018