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Ecological Impacts of proposed site:

1: Newport, Washington is nestled in a bowl, surrounded by mountains, with an extensive watershed, the Pend Oreille River, which extends to the Spokane River and the Columbia River.

- Thus Newport and surrounding area is a catch basin for pollutants with no geographic discharge features other than the river.

2: Newport is a small, rural community without up to date water and air monitoring equipment.

-Thus: pollution may go undetected for years. (Lake Coeur d' Alene is a prime example of decades of pollution originating upstream.)

