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A friend wrote this and i couldn't say it better.

The fact that this proposed smelter project is located so close to neighborhoods is a clear indication that our government is no longer able to protect its citizens from corporate greed.

If you want input about this project, here it is...

Stop this project and find a location that is actually zoned for heavy industry. The incredible number of people that will pay the actual price for this smelter is undeniable. You don't have to look very hard to find current examples of silicon smelters that are negatively impacting the communities around them.

Who stands to benefit from this project? We need to look at the big picture.

This heavy industrial process will be spewing out pollutants, many of which cannot be filtered by any technology currently available. These pollutants are proven to cause smog and acid rain. These pollutants are proven to contribute to poor lung and heart health for humans.

I would like you to try to answer a few questions in your EIS:

1. Who is going to pay the true price? The people of Newport, Priest River and Sandpoint? The Kalispel Tribe?
2. I want to know how you can rationalize the negative collateral damage that will be caused by locating this plant so close to people and their aquifer?
3. What's this company's investment in the health of these communities?
4. Are you going to look at other smelters like the ones in Iceland that have been shut down repeatedly because residents are complaining of air pollution?
5. Is there a plan for the coal ash waste? During the hurricane in North Carolina, an open pit of toxic coal ash sludge was swept into people's homes by flood waters? Will Hi-test be required to clean up their coal ash piles within a certain time frame? Will they be prepared for a natural disaster like this?
6. Will they pay for clean up when toxins are detected?
7. Where will their waste-water flow? How does that work for the Kalispels living downriver?
8. Are you studying a current baseline for water and air quality?
9. Who will be monitoring the smelter and what/how much it's emitting? In Iceland, there were some illegal emissions occurring in the dark of night. It was only because they were being monitored by the Icelandic Environmental Agency that these emissions were even noticed. Who's going to be watching?

10. Who's paying for the watching? My tax dollars? Is Hi-Test going to be covering any of the monitoring costs?

11. Is there any long-term monitoring plan established?

12. If there's a problem, who pays to fix it and who compensates those impacted?

13. Have you and Governor Inslee considered the political ramifications of this horrible project? Are you considering the hornet's nest that this could tear open?

Some of the costs associated with this project are long term, accumulative and you can't possibly predict them. If you could, and if we looked even 7 years into the future, we wouldn't be discussing this right now, because you would see that this is wrong. Too many people will suffer because of this smelter being located at this site.

This is a new era. People are waking up and they feel passionately about defending themselves and their loved ones against corporate/government corruption like this. You've not only got tribes, but all of those average Americans, across party lines, that aren't going to sit idly by and wait for the pollutants to enter their bodies and the bodies of their children and grandchildren and on and on... Please stop this insanity