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I've been around long enough to know a thing or two about smelters. Based on this, I'd like to see the following things included in the PacWest EIS.

1. Review the impact the former Kaiser Mead smelter is having on the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spokane_Valley-Rathdrum_Prairie_Aquifer#/media/File:SVRP_Aquifer_Map.PNG) and Little Spokane River. If the proposed PacWest smelter will also impact this aquifer, study that impact, and how that impact in turn impacts the work the Department of Ecology will propose for the remediation of the Kaiser Mead smelter aquifer and river contamination (<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/DocViewer.ashx?did=77972>).

2. The Northwest Alloys magnesium smelter in Addy reused its wastewater as part of its process, rather than discharging it. When the facility closed, it left behind a lot of contaminated wastewater that couldn't be used. It's stored in what is called Pond 3. Review the environmental impacts this has had. If the PacWest smelter plans to also be a zero discharge facility, include a description of how it plans to use its wastewater and what the impacts would be should the facility close and it be left in place like it has been at the Addy plant. Visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Industrial-facilities-permits/Northwest-Alloys-Addy> for more information.

Thank you,

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