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I have serious concerns about air quality should this smelter be allowed to start up. I live in an area where prevailing winds would carry airborne pollutants toward my home much of the time. I have difficulty with asthma and I feel that my health would negatively be affected by the "admitted" regular releases of pollutants into the air.

Timber is the main crop grown in this region. Acid rain would negatively affect this crop leading to long term loss of revenue for individuals and companies who rely on clean air for their livelihoods.

We are benefited by clean water flowing in the rivers and lakes of this community. It is not appropriate for pollutants to be introduced that could affect humans, wildlife and the future of Northeast Washington and North Idaho.

Infrastructure including highways and rail lines barely hold up currently. The increased numbers of heavy trucks and rail cars traveling local lines to support the smelter add an expensive and unfair burden on States and Counties.

It has been stated that the provision of materials produced by the smelter in the drive to provide clean energy via solar panels outweighs the many costs to people in the many local communities. I believe the products will become profitable to the Canadian efforts to provide clean energy in that nation at the expense of our neighbors in Spokane, Pend Orielle and Bonner Counties.