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Thank you for the opportunity to comment and ask questions and request where to study effects of this smelter. I am particularly concerned about the proposed Newport silicon smelter's effects on our environment. What will it do to the Little Spokane River watershed, including how will it affect water flow and water temperature, water purity, and trout, particularly endangered native Redband trout. How far along this watershed will effects occur? What will it do to our clean air and atmosphere? What will be done to prevent acid rain? How far will acid rain fall from the smelter? How much, if any methane, will be produced? How much carbon dioxide? How will this affect global warming? What will be the effects on the Pend Oreille River and its downstream rivers, including on wildlife and fish, particularly Redband trout, brook trout, bull trout and other trout? What other pollution will the smelter emit into the Little Spokane River watershed and the Pend Oreille River? What will happen to our aquifers? How will the massive heat produced by the smelter be cooled and how will the temperatures affect our environment? How much water will the smelter essentially steal from us? What will happen due to that water use? When this smelter ruins our environment, will the owning company pay to fix that or will taxpayers? What will be done about the sulfur dioxide that this smelter will emit? What are the effects of that sulfur dioxide? Who will pay for the healthcare and the illnesses caused by this smelter? How many people might die because of the pollution brought about by this smelter? Please answer these questions in detail. Thank you. Dr. E. O'Halloran