

Concerns of the Newport Smelter

We are a group of concerned college students that live in Spokane, just South of where the proposed Smelter will be built. Our main concern is the public health risk of the surrounding community.

We demand the following concerns be addressed:

- How will the Smelter's pollution effect residents with respiratory diseases?
- How will potential water pollution effect agricultural quality?
- Examine how the chemicals released by the smelter will effect people's health including: sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, particulate matter, mercury, and carbon monoxide.
- With a large elderly population that is highly susceptible to health complications, the smelter pollution may impact them more severely. Look into how their health problems may cost taxpayers more via Medicare.
- The impact of living in high levels of toxic air is the equivalent to losing a year of education. How will increased air pollution negatively impact the developing brains of children.
- How will the Smelter's air pollution effect neuroinflammation, neurodegeneration, and cognitive function?
- Look into the negative mental health impacts of a rapidly changing community and standard of living.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

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