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One issue that raises alarm about this project are issues of water treatment and H2O quality. I think further research needs to be done on the proximity of the Pend Oreille River and the Little Spokane River, which you state are "the nearest bodies of water". I think it's important to discover how close exactly these bodies are and how the land is situated. Are they in direct line of waste or pollution? How will this company affect the water? Do people or animals drink/swim in these rivers? The idea of pollution should be further implored because it is very easy for companies to go against their current promises. As you pointed out, this company will be worth a lot so if they are not following protocol, they can still continue operating because of the economic toll it would have if it was closed. Therefore, it is important to research the possible negative impact it will have now and try to stop its development if the pollution impact is more detrimental than they claim it will be.

Additionally, while reading the project information I noticed that, "In order to provide water to the facility, a well would be drilled under Washington state's permit exemption". How will this drilling be regulated and what negative effects could come from it? Drilling is a serious action that impacts the land as well as all nature around it. Would the well be drilled on land inhabited by animals? If so, how would it affect them and/or the flora around the area? This aspect of the project should be further looked in to to ensure the protection of the natural world. Drilling has been utilized across the world and continues to destroy the natural world, so it should be addressed as such in this project to make sure nothing similar could happen in this project.