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Dear people of the Washington Department of Ecology.

I and my family are totally opposed to the Newport Smelter, because of the toxicity, that it will cause in the air I and my family breathes. It will become part of the air where I live, and since I moved here to Sandpoint, the quality of the air has already gone downhill, due to the smoke from the wildfires.. Also this smelter will create more coal trains going through the area, which will increase the chances of a spill, and also increase the coal dust from the trains.

We firmly believe with our hearts that this company should just stay in Canadian land. they are probably wanting to come here due to the pollution they will emit and not wanted there in Canada. We do not want them here, and we will NOT be good neighbors to them. These jobs are totally insignificant to us. We want jobs that are sustainable to the planet. They should be able to find property that is somewhere they are welcome, and the local people are the smelter will appreciate them, the pollution. I vote AGAINST this smelter, and spend whatever money I need to spend to fight them and oppose them coming into this area.

Thank you for reading this.