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First and foremost, Why isn't Idahos air quality, Sandpoints dust problem, Lake Pend Oreilles water quality, part of this EIS? We insist on a NEPA study!

Secondly, We want other more appropriate site locations to be included in your EIS. There isn't anything your EIS can do to guarantee we will be safe. You cannot account for the fires, inversion and the way the air moves/doesn't move in the mountains. YOU, the DOE cannot make an accurate assessment of the safety of the proposed smelter no matter how many tests you do.

- 1. The proposed smelter will be in an area known for its pristine environment which drives many economic factors; tourism, recreation, hunting, fishing, mountain sports, etc. Will the proposed smelter negatively impact the current economy?
- 2. How is PacWest/HiTest addressing the accusations that their data for the manufacturing process is inaccurate?
- 3. The county of the proposed smelter site sits on the border of Washington State and Idaho State. Will Washington DOE work with Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a combined EIS process? Should this be a EPA (national) EIS process?
- 4. Will the process to determine allowable rates of pollution consider the already present damage to air quality during fire season?
- 5. How will the region's air inversions due to the mountainous terrain be considered in the allowable pollution threshold?
- 6. How will the raw material reach the proposed facility; by rail, by truck?
- 7. Can all access roads sustain the additional traffic?
- 8. Will other, more environmentally friendly, silica metals extraction methods be considered?
- 9. It has been documented that factory workers of silica metal manufacturing plants show accelerated lung decline due to work environments. If this is found in PacWest/HiTest employees in future years, what will PacWest/HiTest do?
- 10. Does any of the manufacturing process release particulates into the environment? (air, water, soil) If so, how?
- 11. How will the 'at risk' population; the young, elderly, asthmatic and those with existing lung problems be affected by the additional air pollution?
- 12. What are the by-products of the manufacturing process and what is done with them?
- 13. Will citizen tax dollars be used in any way for this proposed facility?
- 14. Will any part of this process be put to a vote?