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Simple. Does this project meet or "pass" your clean water, clean air, shoreline, etc. requirements? I know from personal experience that the DOE is, from this citizen's point of view, one who's had to deal with the DOE, a fascist organization. You do what you want, using your own rules and timelines and attorneys, etc. paid for by the same taxpayers you're persecuting. So, do what you do. You have tens of thousands of pages of regulations only a group of overpaid bureaucrats could survive trying to comprehend. So apply them stringently. If the smelter meets or passes those labyrinthian regulatory pathways, then approve it. I suspect it will pass them with flying colors. But if it does not, based on rigorous science and log, then don't approve it. But please, in order to preserve the last shred of dignity that your far-too-powerful department still possesses, don't make a political decision. This project is badly needed in this poorest, largest area, smallest-population county. It's vitally important to the vast majority of residents, despite the small minority of wild-eyed know-nothings who screech and wave their signs about. Make a scientific, judicious decision. That's all I ask. I hope it's the "yes" decision, but only if it's based on science and logic, and is warranted.