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The shadow over this current scoping process is that there has not yet been any application submitted for the smelter. The SEPA process should wait until PacWest submits a proposal (WAC 197-11-055).

When such a proposal has been submitted and thorough and extensive environmental study should be done to cover the proposed smelter's effect on the local small town (Newport) environment, economy, and culture, effects especially on the health of residents and their children and on the Kalispel Tribe. The impact on air quality and on water supply in the Newport area will be critical and should be included in the study. The health impacts and safety of increased transport, and especially the transport of coal, to the local community should be included. Finally, land use compatibility of such a smelter is an issue. Industrial development and changes to local land use and zoning require close scrutiny.