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I would like to be informed in terms that the general public can understand - PacWest has not been transparent on the emissions to be released into the air, the contaminants into the aquifer, the likelihood of acid rain or the disposal of waste products. Please include in the scoping process what contaminants will be released, how much, who will monitor the levels in the ground, air and water and where the monitoring will be done and how often. Will monitoring be on-site? By whom? If PacWest exceeds the accepted limits, what is the consequence? Will PacWest pay a fine and continue production or shut down until a solution is found? What is the plan for cleanup should PacWest sell out, stop production or go bankrupt? Please include these questions as part of the scoping process as we have not been informed at all about the long-range plan.

In addition, the single contractor the DOE selects to do the assessment is probably going to feel beholden to produce the results the DOE wants. How can we ascertain how independent this study will be? Shouldn't there be more than 1 contractor to make such a significant decision? Please consider a truly independent panel of experts not connected to corporate interests or the State of WA government. WA has already labeled this a project of statewide significance and is therefore prejudiced in favor of PacWest before scoping even begins. Thank you.