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Clean water, clean air are environmentally sensitive finite resources that are the birth right of everyone ..they should not be compromised or effected or used in any way that negatively impacts our area by anyone, especially a large foreign based for profit company that was allowed to purchase local and public owned land without the consent of the people who own the land and will be effected by the outcome. This is not a situation that should have been a unilateral decision but should be a ballot issue after and only after intensive and complete environment impacts studies have been done.

The people who live in this area are Stakeholders to this decision not only for ourselves but for the next generations and the wildlife who share this area with us. As such, we should have many seats at this table and we shouldn't have to fight to get them. This should not be a political decision nor a financial decision, rather an environmental decision. We are already seeing the impact globally from decisions made for financial reasons without respect to their environmental impact.

1. How will the water usage, ie amount, effect the surrounding wells both in quality and quantity. One new domestic well on a water source can change the quality and quantity of the aquifer.
2. What happens during drier and drought years to these domestic water sources when a huge consumer like PAC West continues their operations.
3. What impact will this water use have on the little spokane river headwaters, downstream flow? The little Spokane water shed has two more years to complete its own comprehensive plan for water conservation and the effect of this river on Salmon population, this new project and environmental impacts studies MUST take this into account.
4. What is the impact on the Little spokane headwaters and flow as it is related to the new laws governing salmon recovery, and the impact on our indigineous Orca population in the Puget Sound area? What is the impact on the Pend Oreille river?
5. What impact is there to downstream usage such as the Kalispell Indian tribal lands on the Pend Oreille River?
6. What will be the impact to our water and the surrounding water if there is a leak or breach in the holding and waste water ponds? Especially the little spokane headwaters and newport aquifer.
- 6a. Many of our area lakes are spring fed, how will a break or leak to the waste water areas of the facility impact those springs and ultimately the lakes they feed?
- 6b. How will that in turn effect the fish and bird populations?
- 6c. How will the water consumption impact the springs and the lake levels they feed?
7. How will these waste water management systems effect our wildlife who may inadvertently drink or enter them?
8. How will this facility impact the wildlife in this area in general? There are many species in the area that are borderline endangered ..
9. How will the lights at night impact migrating water fowl?
10. How will the lights at night effect behavior patterns of the deer, elk, and moose populations.
11. How will the wind patterns and lack thereof effect the air quality in our area? We already experience some of the worst air quality in the nation during fire season from the smoke that is brought to our area.
12. How will this facility effect the tourism in our area?

Global warming is a huge issue..how will the ambient light, the emissions, coal and wood chip burning, added fossil fuel consumption to run this plant add to an already large and growing

problem? Does the production of this volume of silicone chips outweigh the added environmental impact in the long run? What methods will be used to study this balance? Have the other silicone plants in Iceland, Miss. and Moses Lake shown that there is a positive correlation to their production of "green energy" vs negative environmental impact?

These already functioning plants should be looked at closely in this regard before another one is built regardless of who owns the company.

Thank you for your consideration of these questions and I'm sure I will have more.

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