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Given that many, many beneficial products come from the production of silicon metal (probably including lots that are being used in the "ecology" review process), this scoping, review, and analysis must answer the fundamental question of "..where can they be safely produced?". If not here in Washington State with some of the most stringent environmental laws of anywhere, then where? If it cannot be safely sited anywhere, then we must all begin immediately to cease the use of these beneficial products. If this point cannot be reasonably and thoroughly addressed by this DOE permitting process then you are wasting everyones time and the taxpayers precious money.

Thank you and good luck.