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Focus on Proven Technology: Expanding the PEIS to include unproven, emerging battery chemistries (like solid-state or metal-air) would require vast amounts of speculative research, delaying the release of the PEIS. Ecology should focus exclusively on lithium-ion because it dominates the current market; future technologies can be addressed via supplemental reviews when they become commercially viable.

Protecting Local Environmental Oversight: Downplaying traditional environmental impacts in a programmatic document ignores cumulative regional risks. Establishing generalized mitigation measures is exactly what a PEIS is for—it creates a baseline of environmental protection. Deferring these concerns allows developers to isolate their impact analyses, potentially masking broader ecological damage.

SEPA's True Mandate: The primary purpose of a SEPA review is to identify and mitigate environmental degradation, not to serve as an economic justification for private development. Emphasizing tax revenues and job creation distracts from the core mandate of environmental protection and risks creating a biased, promotional document rather than an objective environmental analysis.