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The proposed facility requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) because it has significant environmental impacts related to energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and waste management. The process of recycling aluminum generates byproducts, such as salt slag, that require proper management and disposal. Recycling processes, especially the removal of magnesium, can involve chlorine, leading to potential water pollution and freshwater ecotoxicity, which needs to be assessed. Environmental justice in a city of 5,000 needs to be assessed as the project will affect the most sensitive population. Overall, conducting an EIA is essential to identify and manage these impacts, ensuring the recycling operation is conducted as sustainably as possible. I have not seen that this project has been registered with Environmental Protection Agency for the EIA. The impact is much more significant than just an air quality, and has to be approached as such.

Sincerely,

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