



House of Representatives State of Idaho

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Office of the Governor
State Capitol
PO Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720

Re: PacWest Silicon Smelter Proposal (Pend Oreille County, Washington and Bonner County, Idaho)

Dear Governor Otter:

On behalf of my District 1 constituents and the residents of Idaho, I am writing to formally request your help to demand and insure that the State of Idaho becomes an active participant in the State of Washington Department of Ecology's PacWest Silicon EIS scoping process.

A Canadian owned LLC, dba PacWest Silicon (formally HiTest Silicon), is proposing to build a silicon smelter facility in Newport, Washington, right next to the Bonner County and - Idaho state line. This facility's location places Idaho residents, Idaho natural resources and Idaho's scenic beauty directly downwind of the smelter stacks. Additionally, the project will daily impact Bonner County's and Idaho's infrastructure, as the proposed access is on Idaho highways and roadways.

Use of BPA's existing easement across private property was requested to access the proposed smelter property, which should have triggered the NEPA process, but no such process has been started.

The State of Washington Department of Ecology is taking the lead on the smelter issue and has started its own, state run, SEPA process which provides no guarantee for addressing Idaho concerns.

I have been to multiple public meetings on the proposed project since November 2017, each of which was attended by hundreds of people, sometimes up to 500, and heard loud and clear that the majority of Bonner County residents, both Republicans and Democrats, are staunchly opposed to this project. I have also received more than a thousand emails, letters, and phone calls pertaining to the project.

It is clear that Idaho citizens expect their state agencies and the Executive Branch to work for them on this issue. At two WA Department of Ecology scoping meetings I attended just last week in Newport, WA, and Priest River, ID, each with hundreds of people, Idaho agencies were not visible, and if they attended, they said nothing. Idaho citizens are feeling neglected by their state officials.

We need the Governor's Office to make it clear to Washington's Governor that Idaho's concerns cannot be ignored.

My formal request to your office is to issue an official public statement on your position on the proposed smelter and to provide a designated contact person within your Office to answer ongoing questions and provide support for Idaho citizens concerned about this project.

I look forward to hearing from your Office and to your active participation in this issue.

Sincerely,



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Boundary and Bonner Counties
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Cc: Lieutenant Governor Brad Little