

December 20, 2017

Ms. Lauren Jenks
Office of Environmental Public Health Sciences Director
Washington State Department of Health
PO Box 47825
Olympia, WA 98504-7825

Dear Ms. Lauren Jenks:

On November 29, 2017, Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD) Board of Health voted unanimously to request a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) be included in the review process for the proposed HiTest Silicon project south of Newport, WA.

In our role of promoting and protecting public health, we feel that the HIA is an important process to objectively evaluate potential effects from this facility before it is built. Further, we see the benefits of such an HIA to provide recommendations aimed at increasing positive health outcomes and minimizing adverse health impacts. We request that this HIA be conducted in an independent manner with Washington State Department of Health oversight.

We believe that the results of the HIA will bring together the science, public input and the expertise of health professionals to minimize risks and provide the necessary information to make appropriate decisions that benefit all parties involved.

Sincerely,



Karen Skoog,
Northeast Tri County Board of Health Chair &
Pend Oreille County Commissioner