

**Proposed Hi Test Silicon Production Facility**  
**October 27, 2017**

1. Hi Test has announced their **intent to apply for the permits and approvals** necessary to build a \$325 million state-of-the art silicon production facility at a site just outside of the City of Newport in unincorporated Pend Oreille County.
  - a. It is anticipated that the facility will employ 150.
2. In general terms, there are **three categories of permits and approvals** that are required:
  - a. **Power supply:** The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Pend Oreille PUD must conduct a series of engineering studies to determine what improvements will need to be constructed at Hi Test's expense, to deliver power to the site. A power supply contract must also be negotiated and approved.
  - b. **Air quality:** The Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) must certify that the facility will meet state and national air quality standards.
  - c. **Land use:** A conditional use permit from Pend Oreille County certifying that the proposed facility meets County development standards.
3. Before any permits and approvals can be issued, **an environmental assessment of the proposed project must be conducted** in accordance with the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).
  - a. This assessment will identify potential environmental impacts and measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse impacts.
  - b. The County has asked DOE to be the Lead Agency in conducting this assessment.
4. Hi Test has been consulting with the DOE about the information that they must submit, in order to determine if the facility will meet state and national air quality standards.
  - a. A **preliminary air quality analysis** conducted by Hi Test several hundred miles around the site **indicates that the facility will meet the national air quality standards.** This includes areas such as Glacier National Park which is protected by the highest standards in the country.
5. All applications will be posted online ([www.POCEDC.org](http://www.POCEDC.org)) and available for public review and comment.
  - a. It is estimated that **it will take 6-12 months to receive the necessary permits and approvals.**

- b. No construction can begin until the required permits and approvals are obtained.**
  
- 6. HiTest has investigated multiple sites throughout the region. This has included two properties in Pend Oreille County, one in Usk and one south of Newport.
  - a. In July of 2016, HiTest submitted a request for power to the PUD at a property in Usk. That request was subsequently withdrawn along with notice that they would be pursuing a site outside of the county.
  - b. In April 2017, HiTest approached the PUD to purchase land that was previously declared surplus to the PUD. The land sale was completed and funded on September 19.