

Kalama's Fracked Gas Methanol Refinery would be a terrible mistake on a world level

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I am living on the coast in Beaver, Oregon now. Beaver was between two fires, the Otis fire by Lincoln City and the Bay City fire by Tillamook. The town of Otis is gone, demolished totally by the fires, as was Talent, Phoenix and much of Clackamus County. 48 fires occurred in Oregon and Washington last week. It could happen to Kalama and the methanol refinery just like it did to Otis. It is possible. Who would have ever thought that rainy coastal cities would catch on fire, but they did. What would happen if the largest Methanol plant in the world caught fire? It's Green House Gases (GHG) could be a disaster on a world level.

Why did these fires occur? It is not the usual suspects - arson, lightening or carelessness, but abnormal, long, dry hot weather with 2 days of 50 and 60 MPH gusting winds, causing trees to fall on power lines and transformers that burst into flames and with the winds spreading the fires, making it impossible for fire fighters to fight them head on.

What caused this odd weather in the Pacific Northwest? NOAA, meteorologists and the governors of Washington, Oregon, and California agree that it is global warming that is causing temperatures to soar around the world and sparking these fires.

Global warming is primarily fueled by atmospheric carbon from fossil fuels. The Kalama Methanol Refinery will be the largest GHG emitter in Washington, it is dependent on fracked gas, one of the worst fossil fuels, particularly because it leaks methane. Methane is 80 times stronger in GHG's than Carbon Dioxide (Co2). Listen to the scientists and our governors who are calling for a halt to new carbon emitting fossil fuel projects and move to renewable energy - for a livable world for our children. Stop the Methanol Refinery project and help us have a greener future.

Kalama Methanol Refinery is a mistake, and our fires are not the trees fault.

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