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Re: Northwest Innovation Works "NWIW" Kalama Methanol Facility

Dear Ms. Bellon and Mr. Lund,

The Port of Woodland Commission wishes to provide their comments to the Washington State Department of Ecology's second supplemental environmental impact statement released on September 2, 2020. The Department of Ecology has focused the information of requiring this supplemental to address Greenhouse Gas impacts to Washington and the world. It is understandable that construction of any type of industrial facility will produce some sort of negative impact but it must have as equal to the impact of the positive job creation, the net loss of global Greenhouse gas emissions and fiscal impact to the community, the state and our country.

If Washington desires to improve the world's environmental health, it must do so by setting an example through the permit approvals of approved cleaner and sustainable alternatives to those fuels, like coal plants in China. The Northwest Innovation Works plants will improve the global environmental impact. Approving such a project may lead the world into a greener alternative, setting an example to the Governor's environmental policies. By not approving this permit, Washington State provides no guidance for alternative commodities like proposed by NWIW, allowing traditional commodities to continue in other nations, furthering global impacts.

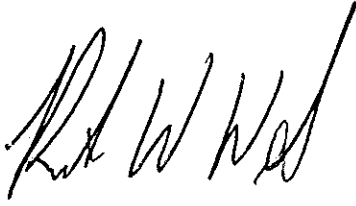
As a neighboring Port, we have addressed these concerns in two resolutions by taking a stance of coal and other fossil fuel commodities to not be considered on our port property. Kalama's facility is only 5 river miles away from our closest property, so this project does impact the Port District and potential development on our properties.

The Port submitted a letter in December 2019 opposing Department of Ecology's statement of conducting this draft supplemental impact study. This project became unnecessarily political and, over the last year, we have seen this continue to impact the national political arena. Job creation should not be political. Providing a means for families to support themselves should not be political. The permitting of this facility should not be political and should follow the state's SEPA requirements and NWIW has met those conditions. Bottom line, this plant will displace coal-based processes in China, and addressed

each and every issue pertinent to their operations on achieving those goals of the state to confront climate change through improved technology and energy. Innovation in fuels is a growing market and has to be embraced to replace traditional fuels like coal that have a more detrimental impact to our environment. We hope that the State Department of Ecology will approve these permits and allow NWIW and the state of Washington to be a global example for the future of all industrial development opportunities.

Sincerely,

The Port of Woodland Commission

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Robert Wile, President

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Paul Cline, Secretary

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Dale Boon, Commissioner