

Ecology has taken an untenable and indefensible position by saying that this project— although it will put over the limit amounts of GHG into the air could be worse— and compared to could be worse it's ok. This has even high school ecology students thinking this is a win win project for Kalama and testifying so in the hearings.

Ecology has put all its eggs into that basket and I'm concerned that Ecology will dig its heels in and double down on that analysis rather than face up to the error of its ways. I'm concerned Ecology will let this get personal the way the Kalama community has gone on this project.

The key underlying assumption for Ecology's so called displacement analysis justifying this project is that China will not change from its path of coal. With unwavering commitment to coal in China, Ecology posits that there will be one less coal sourced methanol plant in the world, and since the demand for methanol will also be unwavering for 40 years that seals the deal.

In the September 23, 2020 New York times "China's Pledge to Be Carbon Neutral by 2060: What It Means" , <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/23/world/asia/china-climate-change.html>, President Xi is quoted: "Humankind can no longer afford to ignore the repeated warnings of nature." There is absolutely no way to accomplish these carbon neutral goals in 40 years without running away from coal as fast as their 2.8 billion legs can take them. They will shift out of coal, they have to do so, it's clear that the writing is on the wall.

For Ecology to assume the exact opposite, that coal will be the China gold standard for energy production over the next 40 years, cannot stand the test of common sense. And with the legs of this displacement analysis shorn off that analysis cannot stand.

Ecology has unwittingly created a firestorm within the Kalama community, pitting neighbor against neighbor, high school students claiming opponents are anti science and a whole bandwagon of unintended consequences from their indefensible analysis. Change your position on this analysis, admit the errors of your ways, swallow your pride and deny this permit.