

The main purpose of this proposed project is to provide the Chinese government with a source of methanol that they can use as either a source of olefins for the plastic industry or as a fuel for transportation and industry. NWIW has stated that the intent of the methanol they will produce is intended for plastic manufacturing. The truth of the matter is that once the methanol is sold on the open market there is no way to control what it is used for.

The speculative theory that methanol produced by NWIW would result in a net reduction of global green house gas emissions due to global methanol market displacement is ludicrous. Fracking gas, transporting it through pipelines, refining the gas into methanol, transporting the methanol via tanker ship and ultimately burning the methanol all add to the global climate change crisis.

Department of Ecology needs to focus on what they can control within the State of Washington and not buy into the speculative theories that the proposed project would be "good" for the global environment. The fact of the matter is that reliance on fossil fuels is what got us to where we are now in the first place; global warming, ocean warming, sea level rise, shrinking sea ice and ocean acidification.

I encourage the Department of Ecology to adhere to the facts that this project would add a total of 3.6 million metric tonnes of green house gas emissions per year and deny the project on that basis. Than you for your consideration

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