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Mr. Doenges,

I am writing today in support of the methanol facility in Kalama, proposed by Northwest Innovation Works. The draft Second Supplemental EIS report released by Ecology has again upheld the assertion of a global greenhouse gas net benefit. I believe the process should be completed and permits for the project approved without further delay.

Cowlitz County is a rural county that has seen high unemployment for decades. The economic impact of this project would be in the form of the creation of many new family wage jobs along with tax revenue for critical community resources.

The benefits from both the environmental and the economic outcomes make this project one that should be a priority for Washington State. The science behind the environmental impact study has answered the question of environmental benefits, and given the events of this year, the economic benefits are of vital importance to Cowlitz County.

I would ask that you consider the prompt approval of this project and allow the process to go forward without further delay.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Braun", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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