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My name is Michael Yadrick. I live in Tacoma, Washington where a proposal to build the world's largest methanol plant died in 2016, so I urge you to reject this petrochemical proposal for Kalama. I'd like to believe the Department of Ecology's job is to protect us and the environment. Despite the fact we do not actually have a constitutional right in our state to clean and healthy air, land, and waters.

The company's proposals to build more gas and methanol facilities at the Port of Kalama and also in Oregon remain alive. Despite in May 2019, Governor Inslee announced, "I cannot in good conscience support continued construction of a liquefied natural gas plant into Tacoma or a methanol production facility in Kalama." After, he signed a bill to ban hydraulic fracking for oil and natural gas within Washington State. There is no way to make fracking safe for oil and natural gases source.

While climate-changing methane leaks through pipe and compressor infrastructure that crisscrosses our region. We should not be the end of the pipe for petrochemical infrastructure. We should not accept becoming the next sacrificed zone so we can ship fuel to China. So they can make more plastics that end up back here in the Northwest via ship or bioaccumulated in salmon that bring it back to the Columbia River. perhaps for us to ingest.

Plastic pollution equates to waste colonialism. One of the greatest environmental justice issues of our time on top of the climate chaos this gas factory helps create. I reject this proposal on behalf of people who cannot be here, I encourage you to do so as well on behalf of future generations. Thank you.