

## Daphne White-Hall

My name is Daphne White-Hall, and I'm a native Washingtonian. I currently live in Lewis County. I'm a young professional and a student. I am very concerned about our economy and our environment, which is why I'm in total support of the Kalama project. I appreciate the review done by the Department of Ecology, and I believe it is very important for the department to proceed with this project. Right now we have an opportunity to build a stronger economy and to help our environment. Many times those issues are in opposition.

However, that is not the case with the Kalama project. Building the project will help a post-COVID-19 economy recover by providing over 1,000 jobs and 30 to \$40 million in new taxes. That is outstanding. In addition, it will reduce global greenhouse gases by six million tons. As global demand for methanol increases, we need to have the project here in Washington State with the environmental regulations that we have using natural gas rather than Iran or Russia using coal without the same standards of environmental regulations.

We need to put this good science to work while benefiting our communities. Our families need real jobs and our region and State need real investment. Our economic problems were tough before and are getting worse with the COVID-19 crisis. We need to take action right now. I encourage the Department of Ecology to permit this project without delay. Thank you very much.