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I oppose Kalama because if built, The Methanol refinery would require massive pipeline expansions. Gas pipelines leak methane (over 80 times more warming than CO2), have a history of dangerous explosions.

I oppose Kalama because of fracking. If built, thereby increasing the demand for natural gas in North America, this project will increase the demand for fracking. Fracking damages public health, pollutes water and contributes to climate change.

I oppose Kalama because of illegality and corruption. The port of Kalama and Cowlitz county, lead agencies for the EIS for the Methanol refinery in Kalama, have a conflict of interest. They are both receiving money from NWIW (the company proposing the project), the county through tax dollars and 'philanthropic donations' and the port through monthly rent.

I oppose Kalama because of local environmental injustices. The proposed methanol refinery in Kalama will increase pollution in a town that is already near the freeway, has high unemployment and poverty, and has oil and coal trains coming through consistently. Cowlitz County already experiences higher than average cancer rates.

Additionally, the Kalama methanol refinery would take 5 million gallons of water/day out of the Columbia River, and ship up to 6 tankers per month on the Columbia river. A methanol spill could be devastating for salmon. Orca Whales are starving because not enough Salmon are making it to the Salish Sea.