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I will provide comment. Good evening. My name is Janet Hedgepath. I live in Vancouver, Washington. The past weeks surrounded by smoke is an undeniable evidence of the effects of our carbon-based economy. If we had any shred of hope of preserving our precious Northwest environment, we need to act now to move to a low carbon future.

By the Department of Ecology's own analysis, you found that unequivocally and under every set of assumptions, the Kalama Refinery would be one of the top polluters in Washington.

It will boost climate emissions both upstream and downstream, and it would prompt new fracked gas pipeline expansion throughout the region, creating more risk of spills and explosions.

The promoters of this project contend that will replace worst polluters, thus bringing overall world emissions down. This speculation is based on the assumption that we will continue to do business as usual without regard to climate change. Scientists tell us we have 10 years to dramatically reduce carbon emissions.

The Kalama Refinery would produce 4.6 million tons of greenhouse gas pollution each year for 40 years. We do not have 40 years. Now is the time to pursue a low carbon future. Now is the time to intensify our efforts to comply with the state statutes regarding carbon reduction. Now is the time for the Department of Ecology to safeguard our climate, our health, and our safety. Now is the time to reject the Kalama Methanol refinery project. Thank you very much for your tome.