

Anna Johnson

Dear WA Department of Ecology,

As a person of faith, I believe we are called to care for both the well-being of communities and the environment.

Creation has been given to us to take care of, and respecting it and treating it well is a moral imperative. It is part of my faith as showing love to God, and being in right relationship. Misusing creation is a sin. And opening this plant would be misusing it. We also know that further emissions of climate pollution will only harm our earth farther, resulting in more wildfires like we currently have, worse hurricanes for the Gulf, worse winter weather for the midwest (and us!) and so much more. Even beyond the US, the emissions are creating an atmosphere which has caused intensive droughts and famines in East Africa, and so many other places. Opening this plant will only commit us further to this way of life, which is wreaking horrendous harm upon the earth and the people who live on it. Why would you want to open it?

Building the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol plant in Washington does not align with my personal values of stewardship and justice, nor does it support our state's commitment to reducing climate pollution. Please reject Northwest Innovation Work's proposed methanol refinery in Kalama and deny its Shorelines Permit.

The second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Kalama methanol refinery clearly shows that this project is dirty, dangerous, and unwise. If built, our state will be locked into decades of additional climate pollution, even though we know it is past time to pursue a truly low-carbon future. Speculating that this project may displace other fossil fuels is not adequate justification for the known pollution that will harm our communities and climate.

Northwest Innovation Works has demonstrated that they are deceptive and will seek profit over people's wellbeing. They cannot be trusted to mitigate the impacts of this fracked gas refinery. The fact that the project has needed three reviews, with outspoken community opposition during each, shows that there is something wrong with it at its core. As Governor Inslee stated, we cannot support such fracked gas projects in good conscience.

You have a moral responsibility to protect public health and reduce our region's climate pollution. Please do what is right and deny this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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