

Mandy Lill

My name is Mandy Lille and I am a proud resident of Kalama, who lives just a mile away from the proposed site and I support the methanol facility 100%. Some of the reasons I support this project is, I will list now, jobs. 1,000 construction jobs to local workers, and 200 permanent family-wage jobs provides a huge boost to our community. There is a zero liquid discharge in our river that Northwest Innovation Works has committed to. There are local partnerships that they have committed to, such as their partnership with the Lower Columbia College, who will create a program that will train 40 local people to work at this facility.

It also provides something we need, methanol is in so many things we use every day. It was used to make your carpet, you're siding, your flooring, furniture, pet products, the containers your makeup comes in. Your computers and cell phones that you're all using right now to hear this hearing, your kayaks, reusable water bottles, clothing. What about the paddles that may save your life someday at the hospital? If I listed everything, my information here would be endless. Then there's taxes, this plant will bring a huge boost to our area. If this was already built, our new schools they're building right now would be paid for with no new taxing on the residents.

It brings much provided funding to our fire department. People keep asking why we can't do some other green project for environments such as wind energy. Wind energy is a great idea, and I've continued to embrace that but remember those blades take methanol to build. Not to mention they have a lifespan of 20 years, but some are replaced just after 10 years due to wanting larger and stronger designs, and they're filling up our landfills at an unprecedented rate. Methanol is simply supply and demand, so please, let's build this project and thank you.