

Mary Belshaw

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.

I am invested in a low carbon future that includes less cheap plastics and a move away from fossil fuels. The Kalama methanol refinery will increase both. Building this, the world's largest methanol refinery, will make it easier to increase the world's cheap plastics and will not move us away from fossil fuels.

Accidents happen, they always do. Climate warming methane leakages will happen, as happened in the 2018 blowout at a gas well in Ohio. We value our clean air and our clean water and lament that both are becoming more scarce. We value a healthy environment for our children and grandchildren. We need to look beyond today and build a cleaner world, not continue the track we are on.

Please HEED THE SCIENCE and reject Northwest Innovation Work's proposed methanol refinery in Kalama and deny its Shorelines Permit. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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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.

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