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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.

This project will use more fracked natural gas than all of the gas power plants in the state, combined.

This is clearly a project for long term contracts to burn Canadian oil sands and fracked gas with their own devastating impacts on those lands.

And we the taxpayers of Washington state will subsidize those contract holders for a few dirty industry jobs.

We should tax those companies to pay the full cost of gas extraction and carbon released, starting at \$20/ton.

Will investors still want to build this project if they have to pay the full costs to us?

Hire those workers as the new green economy by charging coal, gas and oil a true carbon tax. Consumers will switch quickly to sustainable power and the products and services needed will be ready.

Please deny this permit for me and my grandchildren

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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