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My name is Holly Masri and my family has just moved to the Kalama area. I'm hoping to have grandchildren here. I want this place to stay beautiful, to stay healthy and safe. I was absolutely horrified when I heard about this methanol and refinery project. The EIS shows that the project would be a disaster of epic proportions, not just for us in Kalama, but for the Pacific Northwest and the world.

The mega corporations behind this and the people they've hired to sell it to us keep saying that this project is actually good for us. Good for the climate. They're lying through their teeth. The figures show that no matter how you look at it, this project would be one of the worst polluters in the state and that's at best. By the time you add in all the factors, the facility could produce as much as 9.4 million metric tons of carbon pollution per year.

The project's backers say that this project is safe, but projects like this always have spills, leaks, and explosion. There will be toxic waste to quietly dispose of, and then we'll find out where they hit it decades later. They say that it won't cost us a thing, but already they're exploiting every tax loophole there is and arranging for the public to pay for most of what they want to do.

I call an ecology to reject this misbegotten nightmare of a project. We are already in deadly danger. All of us are already feeling the effects of all the previous fossil fuel projects, which were supposed to bring good jobs and money to our communities, which were supposed to be safe. I'm reminded of the story about the camel that asks to put its nose inside the tent but if you let them nose in, the whole camel is sure to follow. This is not a friendly camel, no matter how big his smile and not friendly not safe. Thank you.