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Please add a background section to the SSEIS regarding Climate goals of Washington State and other jurisdictions. The SSEIS should clearly state that:

1) In spring, 2020, the Washington State legislature accelerated its emissions reductions goals to 45% below 1990 levels by 2030.

http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/Session

Laws/House/2311-S2.SL.pdf#page=1

As more people are personally impacted by climate change and the costs to state and local governments increase with increased climate related disasters, goals are expected to become more rigorous.

- 2) There is likely to be a new Federal Administration committed to climate goals. A new federal administration will work internationally to establish goals and decrease emissions. These steps would likely conflict with the increased extraction needed to provide fossil fuels to the refinery.
- 3) Local jurisdictions are increasingly making climate Action Plans and adding ordinances to decrease emissions. For example, already 20 cities in California, and 10 cities on the east coast are developing policies to require new construction to be all electric. Many cities in Washington are moving in that direction. For example, Bellingham's Climate Action Plan has set the goal to further reduce municipal greenhouse gas emissions to 85% below 2000 levels by 2030.
- 4) Given that the refinery would produce 4.6 million tons of carbon dioxide/year, this one project would be equal to around 5 percent of the state's total climate emissions from all other activities combined. In the State of Washington, greenhouse gas levels are expected to increase by 1% if this methanol refinery is built.

It is very important that the Kalama methanol refinery does not conflict with major State goals and the goals of other jurisdictions. Please include these goals in the background section of the SSEIS.