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Hi. My name is Julia Motet. I live in Longview, Washington. The proponents of the methanol refinery would have you believe that the refinery would decrease the amount of methanol derived from coal-based methods, thus creating a net reduction of greenhouse gases being produced. However, the Chinese have made no written promises to decrease their coal-based activities if the Kalama methanol refinery were to be built. Even if they did make a written promise, it would be absolutely impossible for us to enforce.

Most certainly, they would simply add the methanol to all their other fuel stocks and coal would continue to be burned at the same rate in China. Displacement is wishful thinking at best and false logic and deceptive propaganda at worst. When you consider all upstream emissions of this fracked gas project is every bit as bad as coal, the very source that NWIW claims to be replacing, this refinery would be a very significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. We cannot mitigate our way out of the damage it would do to our planet. The damage would be immediate and ongoing.

Any so-called mitigation such as planting trees that take decades to grow would be too little too late. Only after updating the FEIF to take into account all upstream emissions can the Department of Ecology make an informed decision. No decrease in China's use of coal-derived methanol should be assumed in the final FEIF due to the aforementioned reasons of no promise and no enforcement. Methanol is a commodity and once it is manufactured and sold, the seller has no control over how or what is its use. I'm also very concerned about additional tanker traffic on the Columbia River and what it would do to our salmon and other native fish.

Finally, I think this refinery is an explosion hazard and too near families with children. All we need is a good earthquake and any safeguards put in place to prevent the methanol from coming in contact with oxygen will be breached.