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Northwest Innovation Works' states it will voluntarily mitigate 100 percent of all in state direct and indirect greenhouse emissions in Washington state. As for being voluntary, offset carbon emissions was the stipulation required for the shoreline conditional use permit.

The SSEIS shows the Voluntary Mitigation Framework has no details on how mitigation will be accomplished.

Footnote 40 on D-2 reads: NWIW is undertaking research how to configure and account for the Voluntary Mitigation Program, including consideration of forming an independent nonprofit arm to administer the funds.

Additional conditions and required fulfillment documentation will be developed in coordination with Cowlitz County and the Department of Ecology following the completion of the environmental review of the facility.

The citizens of this state are being excluded from knowing anything more about the Voluntary Mitigation Program Framework.

How can the public make their own analysis in regard to this project?

Northwest Innovation Works' identifies no specific projects or measures that will address the enormous greenhouse gas pollution impacts. The Department of Ecology should not base the permit approval on speculative assumptions.

The decisions made will last for decades, we cannot keep ignoring climate change, time is running out.

Please deny the permit.