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Dear Members of the Department of Ecology,

Please deny the NW Innovation Works most recent permit application. We need clean air. We need safe air. The last few weeks here in Vancouver, Washington, have been proof of that. We have horrific evidence now of the effects of greenhouse gases in our state, and also in Oregon, and in California. We also have evidence that smoke and fire do not recognize state lines.

Methane is a gas that also does not recognize state lines. Methane leaked from pipelines and fracked gas wells, and methane, converted into methanol in Kalama and then burned once more as methane in China (which NWIW now admits will be the case) is still methane. And the methanol produced more efficiently and with more care in the Kalama plant will not be color-coded so it will be recognized as "safe" methane. Methane is methane and is a more damaging greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. There is no safe way it can be burned anywhere and in any amount in our current environment.

Please deny the Kalama permit once and for all.