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Dear Director Watson and Department of Ecology,

Please do not permit the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol refinery to harm Kalama, the Columbia River, and the global climate.

Washington should reject Northwest Innovation Works' (NWIW) proposal to build and operate the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol refinery in Kalama. NWIW misled your agency, and the public, about the purpose and impacts of the refinery. I am counting on Ecology to dismiss NWIW's misleading claims and accurately account for the project's upstream and downstream climate pollution. Upstream, the refinery will create more demand for fracked gas to be extracted and transported to SW Washington, resulting in over one million tons of greenhouse gas pollution each year, using even the most conservative estimates of methane leakage. Downstream, NWIW has misleadingly claimed that this methanol will not be burned as fuel, which your own draft study has shown to be untrue. The contribution of potent greenhouse gases from these activities will be greatly harmful to the PNW and to the global climate. Not to mention the local effects on the health of the river and the poor safety record of NWIW that will endanger the workers and residents of Kalama.

For the community of Kalama and for our climate, the risk is simply too big. Please keep our communities safe, and keep Washington on track to meet our goals for reducing climate pollution. I am counting on you to do the right thing and stop this dirty, dangerous fossil fuel export project.

Thank you for your time,
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