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Gentlemen - I am very concerned about the proposed Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility. I understand the need to create jobs and economic activity, but because of the impacts on our air, water and community health, this project may be a deal with the devil.

It is widely accepted that this plant, once built, will instantly become one of Washington state's largest polluters. What is less well known however, is the nature of this pollution. It is toxic, and it is radioactive. Other towns with similar facilities have reported worrying health impacts, including cancer clusters.

As we all know, when dealing with such large operations accidents and spills are inevitable. I wonder about the wisdom of pursuing such a course if it poisons the town for our children and grandchildren. What will these jobs really be worth if in the future, the town becomes less desirable as a place to visit or raise a family. And God forbid something horrible occurs that makes this town uninhabitable.

Please think about the long term success of Kalama when deciding on whether to move forward with this project. There is still time to pursue more sustainable business enterprises, thus ensuring both jobs, income and livability for generations to come.