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Most of you have heard the phrase "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". Now, have you lived it? Have you lived DAILY with toxic clouds of industrial waste? In the summer and when the weather is warm in fall and spring, it's more oppressive because the warm holds the AIR POLLUTION closer to the earth, Maybe you can relate to this in light of our recent forest fires which brought toxic smoke into our environment on the winds of a natural phenomenon. Over recent years, industrial, vehicle, and even tobacco products, which grossly affected air and water pollution have been greatly reduced. Those are the results of applying the ounce of prevention through the work of the EPA and state departments of ecology.

The ideal began in the 1950s but became fact finding groups in 1970. Back then the mission was easy to identify, but the "cure" solutions were met with strong resistance. The EPA and depts. of ecology per each state were thick skinned, relentless in pursuit of restoring clean air and water. I imagine many of your own parents, grandparents, and other relatives were a part of this activity. Today clean air and water is much more sophisticated because going from the local affect to "Green House Gases" requires monitors. monitoring, scientists to read and interpret these readings and practical applications for years/generations to come. This all came about because it was due time. The Washington Dept. of Ecology has identified the negative enormity of the proposed project, from the day it would be completed on the shores of Kalama and for years after the day it closes. Just look at Hanford. I know this is so bad when YOU identify gas leakage starting at the wells. leakage when transported by pipes or trains, leakage when manufactured in the refinery including transferring to ships, leakage transporting to China, toxic byproducts when manufacturing into plastics and transporting back to U.S. in some form of a finished product.

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The complexity of this is weird! From a business perspective it lacks credibility unless your intention is to reek havoc on the U.S. The statement it would be better to have it done here, because we have higher standards to control (pollution) and if we don't do it someone else will do it anyways is rather vacuous. Please no permit since .....