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Dear Mr. Doenges,

I was outside with the Protectors of the Salish Sea when they asked you, pleaded with you, begged you, to help stop fossil fuel expansion here in Washington State. To protect us and the future for our descendants. And you replied that we had the same goals, that Ecology does want to do that.

So it's confusing to me when I see an SEIS from Ecology that acknowledges the climate damage that the proposed methanol plant will cause in the first half then sings its hypothetical virtues in the next. How can the alleged benefits of a facility be based off of theoretical displacements of other fossil fuels, and their methods of use, that are far from being under the control of Northwest Innovation Works, Washington State, or even the USA?

How does this proposal fit into Washington State's own goals and obligations of reducing our local greenhouse gas emissions? I understand this plant would increase our state's emissions by 10% alone. The proposed facility will be a blight on the small town of Kalama, the Colombia River, the state of Washington.

Where will the enormous quantities of methane for this project originate? Up in Canada where the industry's self-reported leakage rates are allegedly lower than here in the US? Studies have shown that the natural gas industry is leaking from every possible place along the fracking, distribution and end-use chain. It's a climate disaster.

I understand that another pipeline would have to be built across the state, north to south. Are the climate impacts of building this pipeline taken into account? How much will that pipeline will leak? What habitats and waterways will it obstruct and damage along the way?

I don't have to tell you how much worse methane is as a greenhouse gas than carbon. Or maybe I do: at least 86 times worse over a 20 year period. Twenty years. Twice as much time than what the last Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report says we have left to move swiftly and radically away from fossil fuels. Yet if you approve this gigantic methanol facility it will be moving in the exact opposite direction of where we need to be going, and for forty years nonetheless, the anticipated life expectancy of the facility.

So once again I will ask you, plead with you, and beg you to use your power to put an end to this disastrous proposal once and for all.

For a better tomorrow,

Daniel Villa