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I am against approval of this project for the following reasons:

1. The draft EIS assumes that up to 40% of the methanol production could end up used as fuel in (China) and thereby produce substantially more greenhouse gases. However, previous presentations by NWIW for stockholders indicated that up to 95% or more of the production could be used for fuel. Given the demonstrated lack of credibility of the future owner, the Chinese Government, DOE's decisions should be based on worst-case scenarios for global greenhouse gas emissions from methanol produced by this project.

2. The draft EIS is misleading when trying to compare global market supply/demand scenarios and global greenhouse gas emissions with and without the subject project in place. This evaluation is highly speculative and based on far too general assumptions concerning how and where China might resource alternative methanol supplies other than Kalama. WDOE has no control or actual data on where or what such alternative sources might exist outside of WA state, and therefore should not attempt to base a decision on such speculation. However, WDOE should emphasize the worst-case potential of this project to create adverse greenhouse gases globally, irrespective of any other alternative sources, and any subjective mitigation of GHG emissions from unknown sources in the world.

3. As stated above, this project will be owned and directed by the Chinese Government, which has a reputation of being untrustworthy and manipulative in their business dealings with the U.S. and other countries. This makes all of the data and project information they have provided through NWIW and other sources under their control highly suspect. As such, WDOE should be extremely wary and conservative in their final judgement and decisions, and disapprove of this project.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

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