

# Amy Tejcka

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Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

My name is Amy Tejcka. My husband and I live in Cowlitz County, Woodland, WA. We are approximately 12 miles downwind of the proposed methanol refinery in Kalama. For myself and my family I am asking – no- I am begging you, please, DO NOT allow NW Innovation Works to build the world's largest methanol refinery in our backyard!

We have wildfires currently raging right here in our midst. These ferocious fires are becoming more prevalent. Proponents claim it is "safe" to pipe in mega tons of fracked natural gas and turn it into methanol primarily to benefit the Republic of China. I realize that we have been promised a few jobs as well as some other perks that will seem like chicken feed compared to the profits likely to be made by the Chinese and their affiliates. But what happens to us if the east wind decides to blow a fire into Kalama?

Why would anyone consider building such a monstrosity in such a densely populated area? Why would we risk our beloved Columbia River, so key to the entire Pacific NW economy and way of life? What about the real possibility of a Cascadia Mega-Earthquake? What about the 5 million gallons of water the plant will be drawing daily from our local aquifer? What about our sadly dwindling salmon and steelhead runs?

Property values will likely tank locally, including my own, here in Woodland if this plant is approved. Folks are going to love the unsightly plumes of hazardous vapor clouds billowing up regularly, higher than those blown from the Mount Saint Helens eruption in 1980! Who wants to live near that?

This proposal is absolutely ludicrous! It's SO DANGEROUS! And what are we building it for – more plastic? We don't need more plastic in the world – we need less! And we DON'T NEED a methanol refinery in SW Washington!!

My grandchildren are 5 and 7 years old. Please protect their health and safety. It's their air and water we're talking about here. You are the Washington State Department of Ecology. It is your job is to protect Washingtonians. Please exercise your common sense and DO NOT grant this permit!

Thank you for listening.  
Amy Tejcka

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