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This is Ted Gleichman. I live in Portland, the stolen lands of the Chinook and other peoples as the Umatilla elder spoke to earlier, but I am a recent immigrant to the Pacific Northwest, this beautiful territory from the stolen lands in Colorado, where we know well the damages to air, land, and water from renegade runaway fracking. It is imperative that the Department of Ecology, and thank you for all of your work in putting this together, fully understand that methanol is a poison.

In June, six months into the pandemic, and then on July 2nd, the FDA published dozens of names of companies providing methanol as a hand sanitizer, a deadly poison, which causes permanent blindness and death. The climate crisis is another form of poison. It is in process now in ways that are all too obvious, damaging and killing people all around the world. It is imperative that when you hear the word methanol, you think poison. When you hear about climate, you think about the crisis of death that we are living with now.

The Department of Ecology has set a standard in the past and must live up to that standard now in denying this project. I will supplement my comments in writing. Thank you again for your work.