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Attn: Rich Doenges  
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Subject: Don't allow the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol refinery to harm our climate and Kalama -- Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility Second Supplemental EIS

To Washington State Department of Ecology:

I strongly urge Washington State to reject Northwest Innovation Works' (NWIW) proposal to build and operate the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol refinery in Kalama, Washington.

"Our duty to the whole, including to the unborn generations, bids us to restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wildlife and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose and method."

-- Theodore Roosevelt

The project would use more fracked gas than all of Washington's power plants, combined. The company has sought to mislead regulators and the public about the purpose and impact of the refinery, falsely claiming that the project will displace "dirtier" forms of fossil fuels. We know that fracked gas is a potent greenhouse gas pollutant, and we are counting on Ecology to accurately account for the project's upstream emissions as well as the downstream pollution from the likely combustion of NWIW's methanol for fuel.

"As we peer into society's future, we--you and I, and our government--must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering for our own ease and convenience the precious resources of tomorrow. We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without risking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow."

-- Dwight D. Eisenhower

For the community of Kalama and for our climate, the risk is simply too big. Please keep our communities safe and keep Washington on track to meet our goals for reducing climate pollution. We are counting on you to stop this dirty and dangerous project.

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

-- Aldo Leopold

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing

list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,  
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