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I testify again in opposition to the proposed Northwest Innovation Works (NWIW) Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility in any form. NWIW proposes a similar facility in Oregon and I oppose that as well. This is a followup to my first comment, dated September 19, 2020. This comment again refers to the "Draft Second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement", Publication 20-06-011, dated September 2020.

The entire document, but particularly the sections dealing with economics (the profession in which I was trained) is written with slick, but dehumanizing language that reminds me of a quote I encountered a couple of years ago:

""Spills can have both positive and negative effects on local and regional economies over the short- and long-term ... spill response and clean-up creates business and employment opportunities for affected communities The net overall effect depends on the size and extent of a spill, the associated demand for clean-up services and personnel, the capacity of local and regional businesses to meet this demand, the willingness of local businesses and residents to pursue response opportunities."

Source: "Trans Mountain [oil pipeline] Expansion Project, Risk Assessment and Management of Pipeline and Facility Spills", volume 7 of Kinder Morgan's Application Pursuant to Section 52 of The National [Canada] Energy Board Act proposing to triple pipeline capacity.

This absurd statement is manufactured by people who have lost their humanity. The sort of "economics" perpetrated in the second draft SSEIS connects to another absurdity inherent in this market-fundamentalist economic philosophy: the national accounts (e.g. Gross Domestic Product) reckon a polluting manufacturing process productive, with no subtraction for the human and community harm caused by the pollution. If the pollution is cleaned up, that also is considered productive. Thus both the process producing the pollution and the process for cleaning it up are "income".

The economics philosophy behind the SSEIS is rancid and inhuman and leads to great harm. The NWIW promises of "jobs" and "mitigation" should be seen in this light.

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