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I am urging you to reject the proposed methanol refinery in Kalama. Building a new fossil fuel infrastructure refining fracked gas is wrong and will negatively impact all of us and future generations.

I lived in western PA and witnessed first-hand the harms of fracking to air and water quality. The oil and gas industry built fracking wells on our local small farms –targeting a vulnerable community with empty promises. When the farmer's entire ecosystem was poisoned from hundreds of trucks hauling in water and hauling out toxic waste, pumping toxic chemicals deep into the ground, and building open-air evaporation ponds, the oil and gas industry's response was "Prove to us that the air and water was not contaminated before we came here."

This SEIS statement does not address cumulative upstream impacts of all phases of fracking including emissions to truck in vast amounts of water, truck out toxic waste water, operation of compressor stations, storing poisonous water in open air ponds, and the cumulative health impacts from the toxic fracking chemicals/process to people, animals, and land.

We need new, sustainable, clean energy jobs in WA. Building a new fossil fuel infrastructure to refine fracked-gas will not provide that. Please do the right thing and reject this proposal, and all permits to stop this dangerous project.