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Comments re: Draft Second SEIS for the proposed Northwest Innovation Works Methanol Refinery and Export Project in Kalama WA.

To: Mr. Rich Doenges, Washington State Department of Ecology
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I am a resident of San Juan Island in Washington State.

I am writing to you to ask you to deny the proposed Kalama Methanol Refinery project for these reasons:

Even though our islands are almost 300 miles away, the Columbia River is connected to us because of our island icons, the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales. Orcas have been tracked following the salmon to the mouth of the river where they forage on the fish from the Snake and Columbia Rivers. These salmon, and therefore the orca, depend on the health of the rivers for survival. With this refinery, the river and its food chain would be threatened by: oil and fuel spills, ship strikes, air pollution, noise pollution, and water consumption and contamination.

As we recently experienced from the harmful air quality resulting from the wildfires in Oregon and California, air moves. What happens on the Columbia will not only affect our state, but the region and eventually the globe. This project should not even be considered due to the staggering amount of greenhouse gas emissions which would be produced as a result of before/during/after the fracking/piping/refining/shipping process associated with it. Where does this project fit in with Governor Inslee's push to reduce carbon emissions in our state? How does this project make any sense when all federal report on climate change warns that our nation is in great social and economic peril as a result of pollution of our own making? Why would we make more, on purpose?

The argument made by the backers that if we don't pollute then someone else will? How about NO POLLUTING by anyone? Our state should not be duped into becoming pollution enablers, and paying for it as well -- both in money and our health. I urge denial of this project. There is too much to lose, such as clean air and clean waters of the Columbia River, our state, region and planet.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.



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