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To: DOE

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Re: Northwest Innovation Works, LLC. proposal to develop and operate a natural gas-to-methanol production plant and storage facilities on approximately 90 acres at the Port of Kalama.

I recently visited Kalama and the Port public park, which was alongside the Columbia River. It was filled with families enjoying the river and access to a playground for their children.

The community of Kalama and the State of Washington are at undue risk of secondary health risks caused by the emissions from this gas to methane facility -- that includes diesel particulate air pollution that are reported to exceed WA state's acceptable levels by five times. We must identify the levels of ammonia, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen dioxide and their risks to the Kalama community and the communities upwind and downwind of this plant.

The WA legislature has adopted limits to reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions in the years' ahead, with the first goal to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, AND by 2030 to reduce our GHG emissions to 45% below 1990 levels. The WA DOE ABSOLUTELY SHOULD NOT ALLOW THIS PLANT TO BE BUILT IN THE STATE or REGION, AS IT WILL ONLY CREATE GREATER RISK FOR WARMING TEMPERATURES LOCALLY AND UNACCEPTABLE INCREASES IN THE STATES GHG EMISSIONS! WE MUST REMAIN COMMITTED TO THESE OBJECTIVES SET BY OUR LEGISLATURE!!

We must tell these polluters they are wasting their time on such proposals. These companies must be held responsible and MUST show decisively that their activities do not cause harm to the state of Washington's goal to reach their 2030 GHG targets.

Excessive GHG cause warming air temperatures which then increase the temperatures of local bodies of water, like the Columbia River, which is the home to extensive salmon runs. How are NW Innovation Works PROTECTING SALMON RUNS?

Northwest Innovation Works must be held accountable for documenting there is no risk for WA and NW salmon runs as a result of this methanol plant. The state has spent nearly a billion dollars to protect these runs for our native peoples and the local citizens over the past 30 years, and one company does not have the right to destroy the native salmon fisheries industry.

It is A STATEMENT OF NEGLIGENCE AND DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE AND THE LIFE OF LOCAL SPECIES IN OUR STATE to be adding MORE GHG at this time.

Rejecting this proposal is SMART and will save Washingtonians millions of dollars; we do not have funds to fight more forest fires as the result of rising GHG , causing more local droughts and water shortages for the forestry and agriculture community.

The seismic risk our state expects in the next 50 years cannot be ignored by this applicant. We must demand a REAL plan guaranteeing the 72,000,000 gallons of flammable methanol stored on soil will not liquefy in the 6-7.5 earthquake predicted for our region. THIS IS TOO RISKY TO APPROVE!

It is essential DOE addresses these concerns and tells this company the risks do not balance the needs of our state and community for a healthy lives and jobs.

Don't be fooled by their attempts to sell us on all the jobs this plant will create. It is time we demand truly innovative planning for our FOSSIL FUEL FREE FUTURE using sustainable, energy sources like wind and solar, which are already much cheaper and safer and will offer safe and better wage jobs than a Polluting MONSTER like this plant.

Politely tell NW Innovation Works... NO this plant will not be built in Kalama and should not be built anywhere. Advise them to put their investment into R& D for innovation that really changes the way we live and work in our state. We don't want more forest fires, their pollution, and jobs that make people sick. Cold water is essential for salmon to survive and this proposal puts salmon and all the species that depend on Salmon at risk.

NASA has published data showing our GHG levels are the highest they have ever been during human life on this planet . If we ignore their warning, in favor of short-term monetary gains... a livable planet is looking more uncertain every year. In 2019, 11,000 climate scientists, with the lead researcher from Oregon State University, have signed a document demanding we the citizens and governments of the U.S. take the climate disaster and high level of GHG seriously otherwise life on this planet will be seriously in question.

STOP this unnecessary methanol production IMMEDIATELY.

Submitted with deep concern for life on this planet,
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