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I writing to register my opposition to this project. As difficult as it is to turn away jobs, particularly now, I believe that this project should be rejected for these reasons.

Whether one believes climate change is human caused or not we should do all in our power to slow it. The SSEIS indicates that the Kalama refinery would generate 4.6 million tons of pollution annually, equivalent to 5% of Washington State's total emissions-thereby becoming one of Washington's biggest emitters. Furthermore, the product will be shipped to China. My belief is that once it leaves our shores we will have no control over how it is ultimately used. In fact- early reports claimed all would be used to make plastics. The SSEIS indicates 40% will be used for fuel. I do not trust that we will have any control over this and subsequently, how this will actually reduce world wide carbon emissions by replacing "dirtier" coal.

In addition, fracked natural gas produces methane is indicated as GHG 86 times more potent and warming to our atmosphere than CO_2. We should invest in projects that move us away from fossil fuels not ones that continue our reliance on them.

To add injury to insult we will use our resources for the manufacture of plastics which we will then buy back. Our oceans are glutted with plastics. Our world would be better served by investments in innovations/manufacturing of products to replace plastic (corn based products?).

Last- this venture will be owned and operated by the Chinese government. I understand the Chinese government owned Chinese Academy of Science Holdings is seeking a $2.1 billion of tax payer money to build the Kalama Refinery. This is unacceptable. In my opinion, this project is shortsighted. It lacks the vision and resolve to embrace strategies that protect the environment. Our resources and tax incentives should be used for this purpose and for US owned or majority owned investments -not in a manner that benefits China over our own interests.

Respectfully submitted,
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