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"The accelerating threat of climate change and the emerging science on the damaging impacts of natural gas production and distribution mean we must our full efforts on developing clean renewable, and fossil-fuel free energy sources."

-Gov. Jay Inslee
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Coming out against
the Kalama methanol
project.

Washington state has plans to reduce GHG emissions 45% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 95% below 1990 levels by 2050. To have a chance of hitting these goals it is necessary to find cleaner, renewable alternatives to fossil-fuels. This kind of thinking is necessary for solving the climate crisis. But it is the kind of thinking absent from the Kalama SSEIS when it states it is "not possible" to consider possible alternatives to the use of methanol. The SSEIS feels confident in predicting market trends 40 years out but is blind to Chinese policy makers setting different goals in the near future. Case in point: the Chinese government recently announced the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2060. The market displacement theory put forward by the SSEIS is the current status-quo. But we need bold visionary thinking to solve the climate crisis. Too bad that thinking isn't coming from the Washington Department of Ecology.