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How can you say you took a hard look at the projects impacts, when you subcontract that work to someone else who assumed the validity of the claims made by NWIW.

The DSSEIS attempts to predict the future ♦ and that prediction is pessimistic and just an assumption:

assuming China will not change its policy, no economic events, regulatory changes (such as China just announced) or technological breakthroughs will materially alter the way methanol is consumed or produced (such as in California with its new 50% recycled content law) during the next 40 years.

Continuing down our current trajectory of rampant fossil fuel consumption would be disastrous for our planet and civilization. NWIW shrugs and says: this "how the world actually works." That's fatalistic.

The DSSEIS' cynical guess about the next 40 years of human history does not constitute the "hard look" that SEPA requires. SEPA mandates a hard look at those impacts of a proposal that are reasonably foreseeable ♦ no less, and no more.