

Robert Wagner

Hello, I am glad The Department of Ecology extended the comment period giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion on this critical SSEIS. This is critical to me because I am concerned about the negative impacts of the NWIW methanol project on my community which is just nine miles away and it's impact on the Washington and the world.

I am not a scientist but I have reviewed the SSEIS as best I could and done some homework on some of it's conclusions. While there are many questions that the study answers and raises, I came away with two major concerns/questions.

First of all the study notes that the plant would produce 4.6 million tons of carbon emissions per year for potentially 40 years. It is my understanding that this would put it in the top ten of Washington industries that emit green house gases. To me this is totally inconsistent with our States goals of reducing green gases and the rate of global warming. Our State has pledged to work towards these goals but allowing this type of project makes the pledge hollow. Are we serious about our goals?

My second major concern is the lack of commitment and/or a plan that NWIW has for mitigating the impacts of it's plant. To me this would be a critical element of the SSEIS and leaving it vague and voluntary is a recipe for disaster. Apparently NWIW has already been less than honest about it's intent for the uses of the methanol, plastics or fuel, and so nothing should be left to chance.

In closing I believe it is in the best interest of my community and my State that your department deny the shoreline permit for the NWIW project. This project needs to be rejected if we truly want to protect our local and global communities.

Sincerely, Bob Wagner, Longview Washington