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Good morning, and thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am calling on the Department of Ecology to reject the methanol refinery.

My name is Cynthia Jones. While I grew up in Colorado, I have lived in Edmonds, Washington for the last 30 years. I recently drove from Edmonds to visit family in Colorado, through smoke the entire way. I spent a week in Colorado in smoke, and returned home to another week in heavy smoke. Simultaneously hurricanes were battering the southeast. It is clear to me that climate change is real, it is now, and we must take rapid action to address it.

One of the main causes of climate change is the burning of fossil fuels. If we wish to address climate change, we cannot continue to burn fossil fuels, including methanol.

The proposed methanol refinery would create millions of tons of greenhouse gas pollution each year, and would lock us in to doing so for the next 40 years.

We cannot be distracted thinking mitigation will solve the problem. Nor can we believe that the only way to proceed is to continue to pollution-emitting plants. While we need to think globally, we need to act locally. I am not comfortable with increasing pollution in my state with the hope of decreasing pollution across the globe.

I treasure clean air and the opportunity to spend time in the great outdoors. I urge you to join me in working to protect our climate by facilitating the move away from fossil fuels. The Kalama Methanol plant will increase the burning of fossil fuels, increase the level of pollution in our state, and make it close to impossible to achieve Washington state climate goals. I urge the Department of Ecology to reject the methanol refinery.

Thank you.
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