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A summary of the global greenhouse gas situation states that the proposed Kalama methanol refinery WOULD increase greenhouse gasses in the state of Washington (particularly near the location of the methanol refinery), and COULD decrease greenhouse gasses globally. You are the agency that is charged with protecting the ecology of the State of Washington, and there are some grave risks associated with this wager.

1. In order for the argument in favor of the refinery to hold, current facilities overseas would need to either close or clean up their emissions. There is, however, no control built in to assure this would actually happen. The Kalama refinery could simply increase the production of methanol as the demand grows ever larger. There is actually no way to know or assure what the outcome would be. And there are not strong reasons for optimism.

2. There are few countries whose governments have a worse record of trustworthiness and keeping promises than China. There is a reason the US is concerned about TIKTOK, Huawei and other companies for lack of transparency. China is a very high risk partner in a business that endangers the local environment. Not only would the logic of this enterprise depend on closing of facilities abroad, but the refinery itself would be owned by, and largely run by Chinese nationals. There is no stake for them in the air and water, nor the health of the local population.

3. Please protect us. This refinery would certainly bring down the quality of the air in southwest Washington. Suffering through the hazardous smoke of a few weeks ago was a powerful and grim reminder of what diminished air quality does to breathing and the ability to live in a reasonably healthy manner. Find another way to lower global greenhouse gasses--not an idealistic vision that certainly diminishes or even sacrifices the health of the local population for a possible theoretical goal.