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I am speaking as an individual and not as the Mayor of Kalama.

The only reason that the Department of Ecology had to get another supplemental review process done is that the backers of this refinery didn't provide the information needed to help the Department of Ecology to approve or deny the permit.

It shouldn't be the job of the Riverkeepers, Sierra Club, and other environmental groups to do all the work that should have been done by a government agency or a real third party review process.

This supplemental review should have also been paid for by NWIW since they didn't want a thorough examination done the first time by the state or federal agency.

What makes it more frustrating is that when the numbers provided are inaccurate, outdated, and challenged, the financially biased entities cry foul and say that the state keeps moving the goal post.

This refinery needs to be looked at more closely by the state because of the RCWs information listed below.

## ENERGY FACILITIES AND RCW's

### RCW 80.50.010

Legislative finding—Policy—Intent.

The legislature finds that the present and predicted growth in energy demands in the state of Washington requires the development of a procedure for the selection and utilization of sites for energy facilities (methanol is an energy option) and the identification of a state position with respect to each proposed site. The legislature recognizes that the selection of sites will have a significant impact upon the welfare of the population, the location, and growth of industry, and the use of the natural resources of the state.

It is the policy of the state of Washington to recognize the pressing need for increased energy facilities, (which is not plausible without enough natural gas capacity) and to ensure through available and reasonable methods, that the location and operation of such facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment, ecology of the land and its wildlife, and the ecology of state waters and their aquatic life.

It is the intent to seek courses of action that will balance the increasing demands for energy facility location and operation in conjunction with the broad interests of the public (How does this one facility that consumes  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all the NW pipeline capacity, 100 MW of clean hydropower and 4 million gallons per day of water sent to another country constitute broad interests of the public?)

Such action will be based on these premises:

(3) To provide abundant energy at a reasonable cost.

(This fact alone is not feasible due to the massive consumption of natural gas on an already fully contracted pipeline. Canada is losing billions of dollars each year due to not being able to export its natural gas, which means if Canada can export its gas, the NW will pay these "billions" in higher gas prices. This refinery will open the spigot of our gas supply to the world.)

RCW 80.50.020

(4) "Associated facilities" means storage, transmission, handling, or other related and supporting facilities connecting an energy plant with the existing energy supply

(The refinery will be connected to a natural gas pipeline, which is an energy supply, methanol is a type of alternate energy)

processing, or distribution system, including, but not limited to, communications, controls, mobilizing or maintenance equipment, instrumentation, and other types of ancillary transmission equipment, off-line storage or venting required for efficient operation or safety of the transmission system and overhead, and surface or subsurface lines of physical access for the inspection, maintenance, and safe operations of the transmission facility and new transmission lines constructed to operate at nominal voltages of at least 115,000 volts to connect a thermal power plant or alternative energy facilities to the northwest power grid.

(This facility will need 100 MW of electricity from the grid)

(Methanol is an alternative energy facility since methanol is as an alternative fuel under the Energy Policy Act of 1992.) It is also an energy plant because it will be able to make 100MW of electricity and sell it to the grid from its onsite gas-fired power plant.)