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Sometimes the allure of perfection eclipses the possible. The dream of a giant leap threatens an incremental step.

KMMEEF's Draft SSEIS demonstrates that its proposed methanol plant is an important incremental step.

The Draft SSEIS, using foreseeable variables and thoughtful and exhaustive analyses, demonstrates many things, among them:

1. KMMEEF's proposed methanol production will reduce net GHG compared to using current alternatives to fill the demand.
2. Worldwide demand for methanol is projected to increase over the next several decades.
3. Whether methanol is used as fuel or olefin production, KMMEEF's methanol production is better for the environment than existing sources.

As a health care professional, I have previously looked carefully at the health effects of methanol manufacturing, reviewing the medical literature of the past several decades. Because the toxic effects of methanol have been well documented and the physiology well understood, appropriate safeguards limiting exposure have long been in place. As long as these are maintained, the process is safe both for employees and for the community.

Furthermore, the science confirms that methanol poses much less risk to the environment than petroleum products because it is water miscible, disperses rapidly, and is much less toxic to life forms other than primates.

As an environmentally sensitive retired physician, it is apparent to me that KMMEEF has made a compelling case that its planned facility will result in less global GHG emissions and deserves ecology's approval.