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To consider permitting this facility at this time of extreme climatological change, as evidenced by the massive wildfires (smell and breathe the smoke--it will shorten your life), the extreme weather in both major oceans as demonstrated by the number and frequency of hurricanes and typhoons at levels of strength never recorded, the change of rain patterns that have created droughts in food producing areas world-wide, the rising sea-levels that will destroy almost every major coastal city in the USA and world, the massive DESTRUCTION of our oceans' food-chains due to PLASTIC pollution and micro-plastics now in our food-chain and that likely contributes to the rising negative health-effects on children's development ---therefore, our future---would be tantamount to supporting the mass murder of our planet. Everything this proposal wants to do is contrary to the well-being of the environment that your department is tasked with protecting! Any acceptance of this fossil-fueled project, especially the manufacture of plastics, as originally promoted---although now revealed to be inaccurate and NWIW admits will also likely be used as fuel--doesn't that usage require a different permitting process?--are both unacceptable. The burning of methanol as fuel is very different in the emissions. NWIW is dishonest and willing to lie to get "through" this process. As per the Port of Kalama to present their letter of conditional use and their proposed financial fines to control the NWIW product from Kalama is totally unenforceable and therefore a moot point pertaining to qualifying this project. Your decision must not be a "blindered" acute case to review this project as if it exists within only its own universe without connecting "ALL-OF-THE-DOTS" relative to the current---now, today--environment locally, statewide and globally. Our climate is a chemical soup. It now exists at "the tipping point" of a catalytic conversion. This project will add-to the real consequence of "flipping" the world's livability by causing a conversion into compounds that may not support life as we need to exist---with all other life. Your burden is to protect our lives. Corporations, nor any person or entity, should be allowed to operate when their actions contribute to the deaths of people, climatological instability and the immediate, near-term future of our well-being. DOE must review the UN Climatological Report to be released tomorrow, the 9th of September, to be truly current and scientifically guided and make the only decision of "DENIAL" of this project. It is poison! Regarding the claim made that this refinery will offset other dirty energy plants is based upon what evidence from any other similar project? NWIW, the POK and the Cowlitz County Commissioners, to my knowledge, have not presented any supporting evidence that this has previously been accomplished. Has the plastic pollution and the total negative effects of that portion of this proposal been reviewed and included? As plastic deteriorates and becomes exposed to the elements it may have even greater GHG releases. This is an emission. It should be, or should have been, assessed in this review. I don't see it. Your decision must be: NO!