

## Tom Luce

Thank you. My name is Tom Loose. I am a lifelong Washington State resident. I want to first start off by thanking Ecology for a report and an analysis that I think is sound rigorous and comprehensive. When you take a look at the project here from when it was first proposed six to seven years ago now, one of the things reading through the supplemental SCIS that I was struck by, was according to ecologies best estimate now, every year that this plant would operate, we would be able to claim a roughly six million metric ton per year reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions.

To put that in perspective, that's twice the amount of emissions the entire city of Seattle emits annually. I think beyond that, it's important to look at what the delay in permitting this project has caused environmentally. Opponents of this project have slowed progress, sued us in court to get the very study that they now say is too speculative. When you think about it, the four-year delay they've caused in this process has had the effect of adding a cumulative total of 24 million tons of GHGs into the atmosphere.

When you think about it in those terms, no one who claims to be an environmentalist, can really support the claim not to build this project on environmental merits. Their merits are simply not in my backyard NIMBY arguments. I just would urge anyone who opposes this project not to try to deny 1,000 jobs \$30 to \$40 million in new tax revenue, and a clear defensible reduction in greenhouse gas emissions globally.