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Hi, this is Thomas Gordon. My wife, Diana will follow.

The SSEIS gives 40% for the amount of exported methanol to be used as fuel. However, on page 16, in Section 1.1, Introduction, the SSEIS states, "It is possible, however, that the methanol could be used as a fuel, once it is acquired by importers in Asia and elsewhere." Even in pitches to potential investors, NWIW, owned by the Chinese Academy of Sciences, which is part of the Chinese communist government, stole the market for fuel for the methanol.

The methanol could be used to fuel both civilian and military sectors in China. On September 19th, "American Undersecretary of State, Keith Krach, who handles the Economic Growth, Energy, and Environment portfolio held talks with Taiwan's minister at Economic Affairs and Vice Premier. He also met with business leaders over lunch and, obviously, dined with President Tsai Ing-wen later Friday."

The Chinese flew 18 warplanes, including fighter jets, over the strait between China and Taiwan, and are also conducting war games to show their displeasure with America over our friendship with Taiwan, who they regard as a renegade province. NWIW's methanol would probably go to China can easily be used as a fuel by its military. Why should Kalama refine methane into methanol fuel for China's war machine?

If a confrontation between the United States of America and China over [inaudible] occurred, we would have to protect Taiwan from Chinese aggression, as outlined in our treaty with Taiwan. Kalama Methanol Refinery should not be built. Deny the shoreline permit and deny the use of methanol made in America. It could be used against us and our ally, Taiwan. Thank you.