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"The Kalama methanol company's cheerleaders are touting benefits that are only relative to a nightmarish reference point: that states and nations fail to live up to their climate agreements. They assume failure of the Paris Climate Accords, failure of China to approach fulfilling its pledge to be carbon neutral by 2060, and, along with it, unchecked growth of fossil fuels for transportation and cheap plastic. Then, relative to that catastrophic failure, they selectively point to a portion of the recently-released Second Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement, which uses dubious logic to show that the Kalama methanol would make things slightly better. It is the moral equivalent of urging someone to jump off a slightly shorter skyscraper."

This project should not be approved! As China's leader has said, we cannot continue to ignore the warning signs from nature. We must transition from fossil fuels (and feed stocks) to clean and sustainable resources.