

Kevin Clark

Dear WA Department of Ecology,

As a person of faith, I believe we are called to care for both the well-being of communities and the environment.

The draft of this second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) clearly shows that this project is dirty, dangerous, and unwise. The refinery would use a staggering amount of fracked gas – more than all of Washington's gas-fired power plants combined – making it one of our state's most significant sources of climate pollution. Not only that, it would promote fracking in other US states and ultimately cause more methanol to be burned as fuel in China. Especially as the west coast faces roaring wildfires exacerbated by climate change, we must do better than more fossil fuels.

Inherent in this moral imperative is investing in a livable future that is safe for all to thrive.

Building the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol plant in Washington does not align with my personal values of stewardship and justice, nor does it support our state's commitment to reducing climate pollution. Please reject Northwest Innovation Work's proposed methanol refinery in Kalama and deny its Shorelines Permit.

The second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Kalama methanol refinery clearly shows that this project is dirty, dangerous, and unwise. If built, our state will be locked into decades of additional climate pollution, even though we know it is past time to pursue a truly low-carbon future. Speculating that this project may displace other fossil fuels is not adequate justification for the known pollution that will harm our communities and climate.

Northwest Innovation Works has demonstrated that they are deceptive and will seek profit over people's wellbeing. They cannot be trusted to mitigate the impacts of this fracked gas refinery. The fact that the project has needed three reviews, with outspoken community opposition during each, shows that there is something wrong with it at its core. As Governor Inslee stated, we cannot support such fracked gas projects in good conscience.

You have a moral responsibility to protect public health and reduce our region's climate pollution. Please do what is right and deny this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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