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Greetings:

I am asking that Washington reject Northwest Innovation Works' (NWIW) proposal to build and operate the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol refinery in Kalama.

I live on the banks of the Columbia River and I believe that we must be stewards of this river and as such we must do all we can to prevent unreasonable risks to it's waters. Additionally, I see no reason to add to the world's greenhouse gases by encouraging the dangerous methods of fracking gas and transporting it great distances via pipelines.

NWIW misled your agency, and the public, about the purpose and impacts of the refinery. I am counting on Ecology to dismiss NWIW's misleading claims and accurately account for the project's upstream and downstream climate pollution. God knows there is enough plastic in the oceans. But NWIW is telling their investors they have other goals than just making plastic.

There is no reason to risk our environment on a wink and a promise that the methanol will be used appropriately once it reaches China's shore.

For the community of Kalama, and others on the Columbia River and for our climate, the risk is simply too big. A methanol plant is a design based on fuel designs of the past and not of the future I am counting on you to do the right thing and stop this dirty, dangerous fossil fuel export project.

Sincerely;



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