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RE: Kalama Methanol Refinery

The State of Washington has made many positive accomplishments toward pursuing a lower carbon future. This year, Governor Inslee signed new zero emissions vehicle standards, mirroring California's high standards. Last year, the Legislature adopted standards to increase efficiency of office buildings and other workplaces. In 2019, the governor signed the Clean Energy Transportation act to require all electric utilities to transition to carbon neutral electricity by 2030, and 100 percent carbon free electricity by 2045.

In light of these positive actions, it is shocking that the State of Washington would consider approving a polluting, climate disaster like the Kalama methanol refinery, making a mockery of your other good efforts. This refinery would be inconsistent with the low-carbon future that Washington aspires to and that the region needs. I live in the Portland/Vancouver area and do not want this in my backyard. I care about the quality of life in our area, including air, water and land quality.

The idea that methanol displaces "dirtier" energy is speculative at best. Burning methanol as fuel would generate millions of tons of pollution each year. Do not allow this major source of pollution to move forward. Deny the Kalama methanol refinery.

Sincerely,

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