

Mia Iriye

Dear Ms.Bommarito,

My name is Mia Iriye. I am 11 years old and attend Annie Wright Schools, and have been a Girl Scout since the first grade. My mom told me about the idea of the Kalama Refinery that would bring the methane from fracking to Washington state. I think this would be a bad idea. First of all, fracking destroys the land and our environment. Also, the processing of methane would also add carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, which means more global warming.

I feel that this idea will impact our climate in a negative way. Methane creates a blanket of gas that lets sunlight and heat in, but not out which keeps the sun rays bouncing around the atmosphere causing global warming. The refinery would produce over 100 million tons of Co2 every year and would become one of the largest polluters in the state. When we ship the methane to China, the ships will create pollution in the ocean AND when they burn the methane in China, that will produce even more pollution!

We recycle and compost at our house to help keep the environment clean. My Girl Scout troop tries to find ways to use less plastic because it pollutes and never goes away. Additionally, the 3rd grade at my school goes to Tacoma's compost facility to learn about food waste. Methane is the worst gas that adds to global climate change. Adding a new source of that much pollution would make it even harder to erase the negative human impact on the Earth.

I have visited the Columbia river with my family and seen the shipping, fishing and other people who use the river to live and make money. The river is also habitat to salmon and other species who can not live anywhere else. It is part of what makes Washington beautiful and a great outdoor place to visit. This hearing is to measure the impact on the environment and I am convinced that there are too many negative impacts that would change the river and the Earth forever. Please vote to protect the Earth.

Sincerely,

Mia Iriye