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Thank you Department of Ecology for allowing me to testify today. My name is Jasmine Zimmer Stuckey. I want to thank the outstanding residents of Kalama and the people across the Pacific Northwest who are shining a light to expose the dangers of Northwest innovation works fracked gas to methanol refinery, and illuminating a healthy safe future for our river, our salmon, our air, our towns and our next generation.

First, I want to say that this project is one in a long string of dirty fossil fuel projects that have threatened the Columbia River. Tonight I hear the same people tuning in to repeat the company line that this project achieves the liminal goal of burning an obscene amount of fossil fuels will also miraculously combating climate change.

They said it about the Millennium coal project, they said it about the [inaudible]>> oil terminal project, and now we hear it again today. It wasn't true then and it isn't true today. Despite Northwest Innovation Works its own claims to investors and supporters. Methanol is not liquid sunshine. It's fracked gas transported by pipeline refined into methanol and shipped to China and used for whatever the industry deems most profitable at the moment.

The only way we are guaranteed to reduce climate emissions is to use our resources wisely and judiciously not allow the construction of new fossil fuel projects that will operate for 40 years or more in our region. Northwest Innovation Works, just like every other fossil fuel company that has targeted the Columbia River in the past decade is selling Kalama a bill of goods and Ecology's supplemental EIS plays right into their hands.

Your study relies on speculative mitigation and an unenforceable market analysis to paper over the impacts of this dirty climate-wrecking proposal. The only way to mitigate this disaster and keep Washington on track to meet its climate goals is to say no to Northwest Innovation Works and protects the Columbia River. Thank you.