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Dear Dept. of Ecology;

The Methanol Plant that NWIW wants to build in Kalama will be a mega-polluter for its entire life. Washington cannot contribute to the goal of keeping global warming "well below 2 degrees Celsius" by allowing major polluters to increase our state's fossil fuels contamination. A low-carbon future demands investment in lower-emitting production processes. Comparing coal-based, oil-based, or gas-based pathways as NWIW is attempting to do, is outright misleading for assessing the need to steeply reduce global emissions altogether. The use of all fossil fuels is only making our climate crisis worse, creating bigger storms and fires, longer droughts and more extensive pandemics.

Ecology's analysis also fails to consider how dumping high-polluting methanol into the market could negatively impact a transition to cleaner transportation alternatives and vehicle electrification. Ecology should base its permit decision on the known dramatic pollution and damage caused by fracking gas, producing and refining methanol, and burning or using methanol to make plastics. The rest is largely speculation. Please deny the methanol plant permit.

Sincerely,



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