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My name is Linda Horst at Newcastle. I find it unsettling that even though Ecology found NWIW's 2018 mitigation proposal inadequate, this 2020 version has not been significantly improved. Misleading and concerning, and its reliance on speculative and unenforceable assumptions, this voluntary mitigation program is really nothing more than a plan for a plan, pure flim-flam. Mitigation is how rich fossil fuel companies buy their way out of the harm they cause.

No mitigation will stop the pollution and environmental degradation inflicted upon Washington's current and future generations by this refinery. Also disgusting is the much height net green project mantra. If this refinery is the environmental panacea in Northwest Clinton NWIW claims it to be, why is every Northwest environmental organization opposed to it?

As a 30-year area resident and lifetime Washingtonian, this refinery hits painfully close to home. If built, my family and hundreds of thousands of people like us will be forced to endure the myriad negative impacts of this dangerous polluting behemoth for the rest of our lives.

As Governor Inslee said, "We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change, and the last generation that can do something about it. Now is the time to act." Our governor is right. Stop the madness, deny the permit. Thank you very much for the time.