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Dear Mr. Doenges,

I am Deena Tyrrell Grossman writing from Portland, Oregon, less than 35 miles from Kalama, Washington. Thank you for taking public comments on the second greenhouse gas analysis, NWIW Kalama fracked-gas to methanol refinery.

We can't breath!

This week Governor Jay Inslee wrote a letter to President Trump, saying:

"It is time to abandon the disastrous course that now envelops us in smoke and ash. Rapid climate change driven by human activity has created a fusion of natural risk and man-made catalysts to accelerate these unnatural disasters. Your reckless statements that climate change is a hoax and your gutting of environmental policies benefit no one but fossil fuel companies. Deliberate and decisive action must be taken on a global scale with the United States in the lead."

NWIW SEIS tries to whitewash the issue of greenhouse gas emissions exceeding 40 million tons per year from the proposed Kalama fracked-gas to methanol refinery. Their straw man argument pits these numbers against even more enormous imaginary numbers if the plant were built elsewhere. This is a form of environmental blackmail, essentially saying, "If you don't let us build this polluter here, our corporation or another one will build a worse polluter elsewhere." They insist it has to be built and they are wrong. It does not.

NWIW says it has to be built because the world needs more methanol for plastic and fuel. The sheer amount of plastic waste choking our oceans and piling up on the earth is yet one more environmental catastrophe they want to perpetuate and enlarge. NWIW, A Chinese government fossil fuel corporation, would become the single largest greenhouse gas polluter in Washington.

Please, people of Department of Ecology, lead us to a future of clean air we can breath, cool, clear water, thriving forests and healthy communities for your sake, for all our children and grandchildren. Please take the path to reducing greenhouse gas pollution and take your own mission statement to heart:

Protect, preserve, and enhance the environment for current and future generations.

Oppose actions which will intensify the environmental destruction of our beloved Pacific Northwest and deny permits for building the world's largest fracked-gas to methanol refinery in Kalama. Thank you sincerely for your attention.

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