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My name is Chris McElroy. I am a 23-year-old electrical engineer. I just moved to Redmond, Washington five weeks ago. In large part, I moved here because it's a beautiful natural area and it provides a lot of wonderful spaces for hiking and climbing. I want to live here for a long time, but just after moving here,

the air became so toxic that I feared going outside for almost 10 days.

This is disgusting and embarrassing, and that we have a duty to act. I believe that the current SCIS is flawed because it is based on models that go 40 years out, but still includes significant methanol use decades from now. We don't know what an ethanol use will exist in the year 2060, but this would mean locking a bet that almost nothing will change in the next 40 years.

This is ludicrous goes, against our state goals and sets a terrible example for the rest of the country and for the whole world. The dramatic reminders of climate change this summer are already inspiring dramatic legal action to restrict fossil fuel use around the world and that's likely to just continue and continue accelerating. The bare minimums given by the IPCC report in 2018 require reducing the minimums for fossil fuel use to less than 50% of what it is now in the next 10 years and basically 0% of what it is now in the next 30 years.

These considerations are not included in the SCIS. This represents either blindness to the sociopolitical changes that are clearly coming or a completely disingenuous report. Assuming that methanol use will continue to occur elsewhere at roughly the same rate in the future invalidates this addition to the EIS. I am calling on the department of ecology to reject them methanol refinery. Thank you.