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This proposed methanol plant would be a tragic mistake not only for Kalama and the State of Washington, but for the entire Pacific Northwest. It would become a huge polluter, not only alongside the banks of the Columbia, emitting massive amounts of air pollution, but also in terms of using fracked natural gas to supply its ginormous energy needs. The gas would need to be piped in from hundreds of miles away with every small methane leak resulting in pollution times worse than regular CO emissions.

NWIW originally claimed that the methanol produced from this plant would not be used for making fuel, but they were apparently lying when they said that, just as they are lying when they claim that this would be a great project, providing local jobs while also being "good" for the environment. The first SEIS was fraught with inconsistencies and incomplete information, just as this second one is. I urge you to please be a champion for the ecology of Washington, as well as the Pacific Northwest, and once and for all reject this toxic project! As the recent fires have shown us, there is nothing more basic to life than clean air and water...when that is suddenly gone, all people and living things suffer. Protecting the ecology of this region is the main responsibility here, not enabling dishonest companies to make money while polluting our precious natural resources. Thanks so much for taking the time to hear all of us out on this important topic.

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