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The mission statement of the Washington Department of Ecology is to "protect, preserve and enhance Washington's environment for current and future generations." It is the responsibility of the Department of Ecology to protect the residents of the state from harmful health and environmental impacts.

The proposal by Northwest Innovation Works to build a fracked gas to methanol refinery on the shore of the Columbia River for shipment to China is in direct juxtaposition to that responsibility. Even the Governor of Washington, Jay Inslee, who was originally a supporter of the project, has come to the realization that this proposed fossil fuel project is not supportable.

I encourage the Department of Ecology to follow the governors lead and deny any and all permits for this unsustainable project.

Thank you.