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I hope we can all agree we desire to live and raise our families in a safe, healthy environment. Our family home in Prescott is one of the closest to the proposed refinery, just 1/2 mile directly across the river. We will no longer feel safe in our home if it is built. NWIW is a new start up - they've never built or run a methanol plant. Their proposed technology has never been used. We are their guinea pigs in a risky, dangerous experiment they want to build literally on shaky ground, sandy dredged spoils, in spite of our close proximity to the Cascadia fault line, due for a potentially catastrophic earthquake at any time. The DEIS explains that soil at the plant site has a "moderate to high liquefaction susceptibility" which basically means the ground under the plant could drop up to 2 feet.

As if earthquake, fire and mass shooting lock down drills aren't enough to frighten our children, we will now have to introduce chemical plant explosion drills into our homes and schools. Can you imagine the ear-piercing tsunami-like blaring warning sirens and having to quickly shelter in place after donning air masks and sealing all the doors and windows after an accident releases toxic, flammable chemicals into the air? According to an independent analysis conducted by the Northwest Citizen Science Initiative, the entire downtown and all 3 Kalama schools are within the glass-shattering "blast zone". I don't know if our home would still be standing after such an explosion.

It is unbelievable to me that people in positions of local leadership and authority think this methanol plant is a good thing. We all should have the right to breathe clean, healthy air and feel safe in our community. We cannot let the quality of our life and environment be determined by those who care more about profits than the people in their very own neighborhood. Please protect our health and safety and say no to the world's largest methanol refinery in our backyard.