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Mr. Doenges:

The Woodland Chamber of Commerce writes today in support of Northwest Innovation Works' proposed methanol facility in Kalama. We believe the draft report released by Ecology answers all the questions it was directed to address in a thorough and comprehensive manner. It should be finalized without further change or delay and the permits for this project should be approved.

As the report makes clear, the benefits of this project will extend well beyond the roughly 100 acre site where it will be built. Woodland residents will benefit from the number of family wage jobs the project will bring. And the new tax revenue from this project will be critically important to funding critical services from our local and state governments.

In addition, the net environmental benefit globally is now well established. These are exactly the kinds of projects we need to fight climate change. And the mitigation plan for in-state emissions sets a new standard for how Washington State can be a leader in building a sustainable economy.

With this project we don't have to choose between jobs and the environment. Our community has supported this project since it was first proposed over six years ago. Given the events of this year, the need for jobs and tax revenue is greater than ever. The questions around the plant's emissions have been thoroughly answered – the science has spoken – and it is now time to get to work.

On behalf of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce, we ask that you finalize this report without changes or delays and approve the necessary permits immediately. Our environment and our economy can't wait any longer.

Sincerely,

Janice Graham  
Woodland Chamber President