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Humanity stands on the edge of a precipice, where we will decide to either reduce our greenhouse gasses and deeply decarbonize our whole economy or we will continue to slide towards climate chaos in a much warmer world. Which of these outcomes we will face depends on many small and large decisions that we will make, but the Kalama Methanol Plant is a huge decision, and should be an easy one to make. This plant is the wrong decision for the climate and for the Columbia River. The Kalama Methanol Plant would produce 4.6 million tons of carbon pollution each year, pushing Washington past its greenhouse gas goals.

The proponents of this project claim that the emissions would be better than if this plant were based elsewhere, but that argument ignores the effects of induced demand and is based on pure speculation about what the alternative "dirtier" sources of energy might be.

Northwest Innovation Works has misrepresented the purpose of the methanol produced at this plant, and told investors that it will be burned as fuel while telling the state of Washington that it will not be burned. This has a major impact on the projected climate affects of the project.

True decarbonization requires moving away from all fossil fuel use as quickly as possible to ensure a livable future. This project is incompatible with those goals, which are goals that have been embraced by Washington voters and Washington state leadership. To fulfill our obligations to fight climate change we must not build the Kalama methanol plant. Please deny the permit due to the lifecycle climate emissions of the project.