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I am Joyce Follingstad, a Psychologist Nurse, a kayaker from Portland, Oregon, who cares about keeping our rivers clean, keeping our climate from heating up further, and keeping our air and environment pristine for our children and all the citizens of the world. I reject this proposed Kalama Refinery, which is to turn frac gas into methanol. First, because the frac gas process is causing numerous waterways and underground water wells to be contaminated. Also, the fracking process causes leakage of methane gas, further increasing global warming, and the transmission of frac gas to Kalama would endanger the citizens of Southwest Washington of the Scenic Columbia River Gorge, and up Northern Oregon through gas leaks and deadly explosions and fires.

I reject this refinery because it would create millions of tons of greenhouse gas pollution for its projected 40 years of refining, which will only increase the climate catastrophe that we are already experiencing. I reject this refinery because the methanol that this burned overseas as fuel will come back to us and to Asian citizens in the form of additional air pollution, an estimate of five million tons annually. This is not compatible with the healthy air needed by humans, flora, and fauna. Please do not build this refinery as it does nothing to further the goal of renewable non-polluting energy for the future. That is where we need to place our investments so we can prevent further speeding up of our one and only planet.