

## Melodie Scholz

I am writing in opposition of the methanol plant. I have lived in kalama my whole life ,as well as my parents and grandparents. My main concern is the environmental Impact. Just the fact that this is the largest methanol plant ever built and that they picked a tiny little town like Kalama makes me assume that the bigger cities had reason for concern as to why they passed on the deal. The Port of Kalama is in my opinion ,being very naive in their thinking. These big foreign companies are not being honest about their intentions. I honestly believe it should be illegal to allow the port to make this decision for all of us. One example of how our waters and air are already polluted in kalama would be 4 leukemia cases within a mile radius of the port of kalama , one of them was my 14 year old son. One widely known effect of benzene (which is omitted currently from kalama chemical plant) is the development of blood cancers. I fear that adding a huge plant that will release even more benzene into the air will contribute to so many health problems for not only Kalama but Cowlitz County and the other residents that reside near the Columbia River. There are so many scary unknowns. Thank you for your time.

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