

Comments on proposed Methanol Plant near Kalama, WA: 9-21-2020

Local opposition to this project is very strong, and for the State Department of Ecology to even consider building a facility of this scale, with the massive amount of pollution (4.6 Million Tons per year) that would be released in a heavily populated area like ours, would be to act without consideration for the people that live in this State, and near this plant.

If this project is completed, property values in the area are sure to drop, the locals will lose money as NWIW rakes it in, and then sends a chunk of it to China. Health problems would increase from aforesaid 4.6 Million Tons of pollutants being dumped into the air, and the effect of removing large amounts of water from the Columbia for the plant's use on the local fisheries is unknown.

NWIW claims a "net benefit to the environment", which would only be true if the exact terms of their vision of the future comes to pass, and only from a global perspective. The Washington State Ecology Board needs to consider the local effect as the deciding factor, not the global effect.

The only way that the local environment will benefit is if this plant is not built at all. The net benefit language is based on global standards, not local, and again, there is no benefit to increased pollution of our local air. I live just 13 miles from the planned plant site, and if this monstrosity is allowed, I will be considering selling my property, and moving as far as possible away from it.

As a property owner in Cowlitz County, and a citizen concerned about his health, I strongly request that you do not allow a permit for this plant to be issued.

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