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I am a 79 year old woman who lives in Portland Oregon. During this world wide pandemic we have more time to look closely at what is going on around us. Among many I live on this North American plate in the United States of America in the state of Oregon and in the region of the Northwest. So I am a citizen on many levels.

I understand the petroleum industry wants to use our Columbia River corridor as storage, refinery and transportation out to China and elsewhere.

Northwest Innovation Works, NWIW wants to build the world's largest refinery on the Columbia River in the town of Kalama. They will need to use millions of gallons of water connecting from the Columbia River every day.

Now I could stop here to object to this idea. It would be enough to stop this Kalama Methanol refinery construction.

But finding the company NWIW has not been forthcoming in meeting the Environmental Impact Statement, EIS standards set by the state of Washington is concerning. They have neglected to include the pollution of fracked gas in all of its stages in getting to the proposed refinery. The actual methanol refinery itself would cause millions of tons of greenhouse gas pollution every year of its production. How long do they expect the plant to run?

40 years is the proposal.

Is this the future we want to leave?

Please reject this Kalama methanol refinery project.

It is wrong on so many levels.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Thornton
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