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Hi, my name is Don watt. I live in Chehalis, Washington. I'm a retiree from the department of Ecology, where I worked for 25 years in the air quality program, as an air quality monitor and also worked in the environmental assessment program, doing stream flow monitoring. The Kalama Methanol Plant proposal is a horrible idea for Washington, for the Columbia river, and for our planet. Even more than that, the Kalama proposal presents a Pandora's box of destructive precedence that it would set for our region and for the world. We'd be horribly naive to think that the Kalama Methanol proposal would be the last request to expand exports of fossil fuel energy to supply markets in Asia, or that it would be the last request to build a new petrochemical facility along the shores of our beautiful lower Columbia river or that it would be the last time the fossil fuel industry would pressure the department of Ecology to allow a massive increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

No, if approve,d in each of these cases, the Kalama Methanol Plant would prove to be just the first in a long list of proposals for projects that would further degrade our river, our region, and the climate of our planet. If we are serious about protecting the environment in this region and serious about limiting greenhouse gas emissions, then we must deny approval of this Kalama Methanol Plant proposal. The industrial site at Kalama's prime location, but it does not have to be used as a welcome mat, opening the region to the destructive fossil fuel and petrochemical industries.