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Governor Jay Inslee endorses bold action on climate change in Washington, but permitting of the Kalama facility would signal the opposite.

I am an individual who lives in Portland and works in Vancouver, WA. The recent wildfires have only increased my frustration that our local, state and federal governments are not taking substantial action to reduce our reliance on and support for fossil fuels. The displacement of thousands of families, skies clouded with toxic smoke--it is terrifying to think of this situation becoming more and more common as climate change contributes to the drying out of our corner of the country, increasing the danger and destruction brought by wildfires.

I urge the Dept. of Ecology to NOT issue a permit for the Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility. To do so would only be to perpetuate our current status quo of fossil fuel reliance, instead of seeking the cleaner energy alternatives we will need to avoid the worst impacts of a climate disaster.

I understand that the economic implications for Cowlitz County are significant if this project does not move forward. However, the Kalama facility would be one of the 10 largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Washington. I urge you to weigh the local economic benefit against the statewide, regional and global environmental ramifications outlined in the SEIS report, as well as the harm inflicted by disasters and other consequences of climate change on current and future generations.