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The Washington Department of Ecology needs to be reminded that their ultimate responsibility is to the residents and citizens of the State of Washington and not to a wholly owned subsidiary of the Chinese government.

Department of Ecology needs to focus their attention on what they can control within the boundaries of the State of Washington and not lose focus by concerning themselves with speculative theories regarding future global methanol production and markets.

In addition the Department of Ecology needs to be reminded that the state legislature has passed an aggressive goal of reducing green house gas emissions in the state to 1990 levels by 2020. Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 70.235, Limiting GHG Emissions, establishes these goals as well as stipulating that the state would:

- 1) limit and reduce GHG emissions
- 2) minimize the potential to export pollution
- 3) reduce emissions at the lowest cost.

Currently the states GHG emission levels are 7.0 million metric tons higher than the states 2020 target. The state is not meeting their goals. If allowed to become operational the proposed methanol refinery would add an additional 4.6 million metric tons of carbon dioxide pollution per year. That would be equal to around 5 percent of the States total climate emissions and would rank the methanol refinery among the top 10 polluters in the state.

Again, the Department of Ecology needs to focus their attention and efforts on what they can control within the state and not enable a corporation that is a wholly owned subsidiary of a foreign government to use up our resources, namely gas, water and electricity to export their product for the benefit of a foreign government leaving SW Washington with the environmental impacts.

In my opinion this would equate to environmental piracy.

I encourage the Department of Ecology to deny the permit.

Thank you.