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Yes, my name is Dan Mark [inaudible]. When the fossil fuel industry proposes new projects, they are always presented as if all positive with no negatives, which is impossible, so I have learned to distrust that industry and so should you. When counties and ports welcome new fossil fuel projects, it's with no regard for anyone outside their jurisdictions, so I've learned to distrust such jurisdictions, and so should you.

The current methanol proposal is too big, too costly, too destructive. Upstream gas fracking destroys water supply, destroys water table, destroys subsurface geology. Piping the gas leaks all along the route. Processing frack gases abuses water supplies and leaks more gas, transferring methanol leaks more, shipping the methanol leaks more, transferring at destination leaks more, and of course, burning methanol for 40 or more years in China adds gigantic amounts of greenhouse gas to an already overburdened atmosphere.

Have we learned nothing from what climate change has brought us in the form of extreme weather? Did our recent West Coast unbreathable air teaches nothing? This project is dangerous, it is also unnecessary, shut it down. We must get off coal, we must get off oil, we must get off meth. There is alternative to our chemical dependency, and it's green. Thank you.