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Dear Department of Ecology,

I'm writing to oppose the Kalama methanol facility at the Port of Kalama, Washington. Northwest Innovation Works (NWIW), the company behind the project, indicates its reason to build the methanol plant will generate 1000 family-wage jobs. These employees will be needed during construction, however once construction is complete and the facility is operable, NWIW will only require 190-200 permanent jobs, therefore indicating a designed-in layoff.

NWIW also said the plant would contribute between \$30 million to \$40 million in tax revenue annually. While the analysis show the facility will consume up to 320 million cubic feet of methane per day. The results of that totals up to 4.6 million tons of pollution every year for 40 years.

NWIW has stated the methanol would be used for plastics production in China, but more than likely, methanol will also be used as fuel, regardless of the what they claim. They will say whatever it takes to convince authorities to approve and allow the project to go forward. Just because NWIW "promised" methanol will only be used for plastic products and not fuel would be difficult to police once it's out of their control and the property of China. Once NWIW is operational, their customers will use the methanol for whatever they choose, including fuel.

We don't need another plant polluting our air, harming our wildlife, fish, water, vegetation, and food supply. We're currently combating global warming incident right now with the western states tragically on fire along with our air quality index indicators in the hazardous zones. How much more do we have to suffer for a few more folks to get rich? Can you imagine telling your grandchild 20 years from now, it was safe to play outside and breathe the air?

Please do not approve and allow to build a methanol plant in Kalama, Washington.

Thank you,
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