

## Cathy Spofford

Okay. Thank you. My name is Cathy Spoford. I live in Portland, Oregon. I have two young granddaughters whose future I'm concerned about. The proposed methanol refinery would be the largest fracked gas to methanol refinery in the world and would impact, not only the community of Kalama, but all the Northwest. We've seen some of the worst forest fires in the history of Washington and Oregon, and scientists agree that climate change resulting in higher temperatures, changes in precipitation patterns, and cycles of drought across the West contributed to these disastrous fires.

The proposed refinery would become a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions each year, further contributing to the climate crisis and undermining Washington's greenhouse gas reduction roles. The refinery would consume more gas than any sector of Washington's economy, necessitating a new fracked gas pipeline that may go down the entire length of the state. As we know, gas pipelines leak methanol, which is 80 times more polluting than CO<sub>2</sub> and have a history of dangerous explosions. The project will only exacerbate the climate crisis. I urge the Washington Department of Ecology to protect our environment and the future of our children and grandchildren and reject this project. Thank you.