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Dear Sir:

I am very much against building Northwest Innovation Work's Methanol Refinery in Kalama for several reasons.

Right now, it feels as though we are in the middle of a climate change crisis. The east coast is bracing for early and damaging hurricanes and the west is overwhelmed by wildfires. Here in my Portland neighborhood, I feel surrounded by a horror show of fires and smoke. The air is not fit to breathe, and exercise or even walking the dog more than a couple of minutes is not advisable.

The second Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement for the Kalama Refinery projects the release of a huge amount of greenhouse gases every year - about 4.6 million tons. We know that greenhouse gases exacerbate climate change. In addition to creating hot, dry conditions ripe for wildfires, GHG's acidify our oceans and warm our rivers thus having a considerable impact on tourism and the seafood industry, both important sources of jobs and income in the NW. Climate change also has a devastating effect on everyone's quality of life and health.

I cannot think that this venture has anything except problems to offer our region. A few people will land permanent jobs, but the profits will flow to Canada and China. We get the risk of a possibly explosive methanol refinery surrounded by potential wildfire hazards, and huge increases in climate altering GHG emissions.

We must work together to move our region away from fossil fuels and not build new facilities that will endure for over 30 years. I think the Department of Ecology should halt this dangerous enterprise now and deny its Shoreline Permit.

Each of these issues is extremely important for the health of our people and our planet!