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Our Grandchildren's Lives Matter

Governor Inslee's 100% CLEAN ENERGY FOR AMERICA Plan is the first major policy announcement in his Climate Mission agenda � a bold 10-year mobilization to DEFEAT CLIMATE CHANGE. To allow the World's Largest Fracked-Gas-to-Methanol Refinery to be built in Kalama (or anywhere) defies Inslee's plan for America to be among the first global leaders to achieve net zero pollution by mid-century.

If built, the plant would use a massive amount of natural gas, more than all of the gas-fired power plants in Washington combined. This huge new demand for gas will lead to new gas well drilling and fracking, and new regional pipelines that lock in future fossil fuel use for DECADES. We don't have decades. It's a fact: Fossil fuels produce large quantities of carbon dioxide when burned. Carbon emissions trap heat in the atmosphere, which then leads to global warming. Many of the extreme weather events we are currently experiencing - like wildfires and hurricanes - will only become stronger and more frequent in a warmer world. With�heat comes drought and more air pollution, both of which are particularly harmful to children.

Governor Inslee strongly agrees with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): To avoid the worst impacts of climate change, the global community must cut climate pollution in half by 2030. Washington's legislature has set a target to reduce emissions at least 25% below 1990 levels by 2035, and the Department of Ecology has recommended a more ambitious target of 40% below 1990 levels by 2035.

Washington Department of Ecology's own website states "We're proud to protect, preserve, and enhance Washington's environment for current and future generations."

Deptartment of Ecology, your decision impacts so much more than the community of Kalama! YOU have a responsibility to aid in the phasing out of fossil fuel reliance in favor of clean energy. Please support Governor Inslee's plan and SHUT DOWN NWIW's Chinese-backed methanol refinery NOW before it's too late. Your WRONG decision could enable the world to pass a disastrous turning point that cannot be undone.