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NWIW will never be able to mitigate the vast quantities of greenhouse gases that the Kalama Methanol Refinery will produce.

Mitigating only the GHG's produced in our state is simply not good enough, anyway. If they are planning to mitigate their emissions, they need to mitigate ALL of their GHG's, PERIOD. They plan to look for mitigation 'opportunities in communities that will suffer disproportionately from a changing climate'. Seriously?

Why should anyone suffer from the effects of climate change that they have contributed to? What on earth do they have in mind? - maybe building a fire brake around some drought-stricken community so they won't be swallowed in an enormous approaching climate fire?

They are proposing a voluntary program that they will develop as they go along. We have considerable evidence that shows this particular company has not been 100% truthful regarding how they are planning to use this methanol. Using the methanol for vehicle fuel instead of plastic manufacture will produce more GHG's. Will they remember to add a little more mitigation on for that? Why should we trust them to maintain a VOLUNTARY 40-year commitment?

Greenhouse gases are a global problem. They are already driving climate change around the world. Witnessing the fires, hurricanes, floods, winds, drought, and so on caused by climate change does not whet my appetite for some window-dressing type half-measures for 'mitigation'!

Mitigation is hard, very hard, and we are going to have enough work before us to curb our GHG emissions and slowly turn the climate ship onto a more sustainable course. It is dismaying that forests are burning instead of sequestering carbon. It is dismaying that the ocean has already absorbed so much carbon from the burning of fossil fuels that it is not the reliable carbon sink it once was, reliably absorbing about one-third of our CO<sub>2</sub>.

I feel that we should not pin our hopes for an improving climate future on folks like NWIW. The few jobs they are promising cannot balance the harm that would be caused by this plant. The climate goals for Washington State are to reduce GHG emissions 45% below 1990 levels by 2030, and 95% below 1990 levels by 2050.

We can do it. We can meet those goals. Let's go for it and start by denying the Shorelines Permit for this plant.