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The proposed Kalama methanol plant is bad news. We must think bigger than just the Kalama community.

As we grapple with the impacts of climate change, with the entire state under hazardous amounts of smog for much of September, it is reckless to consider building one of the largest methanol plants in the world here in our state. Methane, which will be leaked from the facility and in transport, is many more times potent than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas. The facility would use more water per day than the entire city of Portland. It is inconceivable that we would undergo this endeavor during a time in which population health has been under such assault, from unprecedented pandemics to massive wildfires caused by greenhouse gas emissions.