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I am writing this comment as a practicing clinical psychologist. I oppose the Kalama methanol refinery and urge the Department of Ecology to reject the proposed project permit.

The organization, Psychologists for Social Responsibility, wrote a letter to the President of the United States urging an end to fracking given the risks it poses to human and environmental health. They also wrote to the US Congress urging climate action now to prevent severe mental health risks resulting from climate change, including increased anxiety, depression, and post traumatic stress. Heatwaves, air and water pollution, and loss of wildlife habitat create significant mental and emotional distress for people of all ages. In my clinical practice, I see the negative effects of climate change on the mental health of my patients. Our recent devastating wildfires, made much worse by climate change, negativity impacted the mental health of many local residents.

The Kalama refinery project would be a major polluter in the state of Washington and beyond. We are running out of time to take appropriate action to preserve a sustainable environment.