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This is in opposition to the NWIW methanol refinery for Kalama, WA.

There are several reasons that many cities have turned down the Methanol refinery.

It will take a huge amount of electric power and water to run the refinery. And they want to push too large amounts through an existing pipeline that is not large enough.

There will also be tons of methanol on ships crossing the Columbia River and oceans on the way to China. There is the potential of leakage, which is likely to kill the fish and pollute our waters.

Kalama would have a huge plume from the refinery obstructing many peoples views. They built their homes where they are for the beautiful views of the Columbia River.

The refinery creates many opportunities for pipeline eruptions, ship leaks, leakage from their own tanks, pollution from the plume. Even the DOH admits that "methanol is a toxin" and is dangerous.

If the refinery goes in, it will ruin this lovely town. More people and animals will get cancers and other diseases. Our soil and air and water will become polluted. The quality of life in Kalama will change for the worse.

Notice that at this pre refinery time, the eagles have returned. That's because our air quality is good, but they will once again leave if the refinery comes in.

We all want good paying jobs for Kalama, but we want safe and healthy jobs. I know that better and safer use can be made of the land that is set aside for the refinery.

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