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Hi. My name is Eileen Fromer, I live in Portland. I'm passionate about the climate crisis and about stopping greenhouse gas emissions. I believe that the department of ecology has an opportunity through its analysis and these hearings to do the right thing. Simply, that is to deny the shoreline permit for the Kalama Methanol refinery. On its website Ecology states, "Washington is a national leader in cutting greenhouse gas emissions to prevent climate change." Now they state that the Kalama Refinery would be one of the top greenhouse gas polluters in Washington, emitting 4.6 million tons of carbon pollution annually for 40 years. How on earth can Ecology claim to be cutting greenhouse gas emissions and approve this shoreline permit?

The under estimated methane leakage from natural gas extraction, transmission along the pipe route and the refinery, and after the methanol leaves the refinery, what then, first it was just going to be used to make plastics, as if plastics are not already an environmental disaster, but at least the methanol wouldn't be burned for fuel. Then they changed their story. So 40% might be burned as fuel yielding 2 million tons of carbon pollution each year, and there's no guarantee that all the methanol won't be burned. We are in a climate crisis, the wildfires are here along with the drought, storms, floods, and displaced people all over the world. It's time to say no, enough is enough. Washington and the department of ecology must live up to their claim and be a leader in addressing the climate crisis.