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The Kalama Methanol Plant being proposed by Northwest Innovations Works (NWIW) will be the largest fracked gas refinery in the world. It will spew 4.6 million tons of greenhouse gases each year for 40 years, use millions of gallons of water from a Columbia River aquifer each day, pollute the air with cancer-causing emissions, and pose safety hazards during an earthquake. The refinery would use more fracked gas than all the gas-fired power plants in Washington, combined. This is a staggering amount of pollution that will undermine Washington's greenhouse gas reduction goals at a time when it is critical for us to drastically reduce the use of all fossil fuels.

NWIW is promoting their plant by saying that it will produce less pollution than that of coal, but that is a misleading argument. All high-carbon paths are unacceptable and inconsistent with Washington's clean energy and climate goals. Adding more pollution of any kind will only increase the effects of climate change that we are already experiencing—out of control wildfires, Covid-19, monstrous hurricanes, droughts, heat emergencies and floods. Millions of people's lives are being harmed by this fossil fuel pollution and millions of jobs are being lost. If it wasn't clear before, it is abundantly clear now that we have to take immediate steps to reduce all fossil fuel use if we are going to survive.

I ask that Ecology deny NWIW's permit for this plant.