

Dear Department of Ecology,

You have a responsibility to protect public health, the environment and our region's climate pollution. Do what is right and deny this project.

The SSEIS speculates that building this refinery would displace other fuel facilities. The economic model of methanol replacing dirtier production methods and the model that a certain percentage of the methanol will be used as fuel are based on assumptions. There is no evidence that other facilities will be displaced in the near future or within 40 years. Think about how much has changed in the energy market in the last 40 years. We should be working to move away from fossil fuels and away from fracking. These assumptions presented in the SSEIS are far too speculative over such a long period of time.

This SSEIS provides too little detail on the actual mitigation that would be accomplished within the voluntary mitigation framework. And who would actually hold them accountable? The mitigation does not address the full impacts of NWIWs emissions that will occur overseas. The mitigation framework is too vague for Ecology to conclude that the impacts for this project will be mitigated.

The SSEIS confirms that NWIWs proposed methanol refinery would become one of the greatest sources of climate pollution in Washington. It is unacceptable for Washington to build the worlds largest methanol refinery based on speculative analysis and hope of theoretical emission reductions. This would be the cause of millions of tons of greenhouse gas pollution each year, and is inconsistent with achieving Washington's climate goals.

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Thank you,

Jennifer Johnson