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Please deny the permits for building a massive gas-to-methanol plant at the Port of Kalama, WA. As a life-long recycler, I was chagrined to read recently of how the fossil fuel industry misled (read "lied to") the world in promoting the idea that plastics are recyclable when, in fact, they knew full well that most plastics recycling would never be economically viable.

(<https://www.npr.org/2020/09/11/897692090/how-big-oil-misled-the-public-into-believing-plastic-would-be-recycled>)

Now, thanks to this decades long deception, the world is choking in plastic waste and our oceans are irretrievably polluted with plastics. It's the same old story of corporate industry fabricating "truth" to suit their own purposes and promote their own profits as long as possible, without regard to public and planetary health.

Why, then, should we be expected to believe what the fossil fuel industry says in promoting the Kalama methanol plant? Most of the exported methanol would be used to manufacture more plastics. And the facility would be responsible for generating large amounts of greenhouse gases (CO<sub>2</sub> and leaked methane). These two facts alone are reason enough to prevent the project from going forward.

Thank you for your time.