Joann Derie

To whom it may concern,

I strongly oppose the proposed Kalama Methanol Refinery. It may be that this refinery would release less pollution than others but that is not the point. This has to stop. We need to focus our businesses and resources on renewable energy. If we make a stand, others will follow, and we can work together to decrease pollution.

Washington State is making efforts to move to energy renewable resources. This plant would not do that. According to Ecology's draft study, it would cause 4.6 million tons of climate pollution for forty years.

Also consider the specific areas affected. The wells where the gas is fracked leak methane which is worse than carbon dioxide. The river traffic of all the added ships on the Columbia will affect the water quality and fish runs which are already endangered. Then there is the chance of an accident at the plant which would endanger all life - people, animals, and vegetation- in the area.

Our state, world and locale cannot afford this refinery. Please put support behind businesses that mitigate fossil fuel pollution in order to work toward a future for us all.

Thank you Joann Derie