



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Purpose of this Notice: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility is being released for public review and comment. A public hearing will be conducted where the public may comment on the draft EIS. An expanded comment period will begin on March 3 and end on April 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. All comments received during the comment period will be reviewed and considered in the preparation of the final EIS.

Description of Proposal: Northwest Innovation Works, LLC - Kalama (NWIW) proposes to develop and operate a natural gas-to-methanol production plant and storage facilities on approximately 90 acres in the Port of Kalama (Port). The project objective is the manufacture and shipment of methanol to global markets for use as a feedstock for manufacturing olefins used in the production of plastics and other materials. Natural gas will be delivered to the methanol plant via a proposed new transmission pipeline lateral. Northwest Pipeline GP will be responsible for obtaining permits for and constructing this pipeline, extending from its existing pipeline approximately three miles through unincorporated Cowlitz County and the City of Kalama. Methanol will be transferred by pipeline across Port property from the storage area to a deep draft marine terminal on the Columbia River including a new dock and new berth created by dredging.

Proponent: Northwest Innovation Works LLC and the Port of Kalama.

**Location of the Proposal:** The project would be located on land leased from the Port. The site is located on the Columbia River in unincorporated Cowlitz County. It is accessible from Tradewinds Road, a private Port road.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Co-Lead Agencies: The Port of Kalama and Cowlitz County are co-lead agencies. The Port is the nominal lead, responsible for complying with the SEPA lead agency duties for the SEPA review process.

**Availability of Draft EIS copies:** The Draft EIS is available for viewing and downloading at <a href="http://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com">http://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com</a> and copies of the document are also available for review at the following locations:

Port of Kalama Administrative Office: 110 W. Marine Drive, Kalama, WA. Cowlitz County Department of Building & Planning: 207 4th Avenue N., Kelso, WA. Longview Public Library: 1600 Louisiana Street, Longview, WA. Kelso Public Library, 351 Three Rivers Drive, Kelso, WA

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Copies of the Draft EIS on disk may also be requested by contacting the responsible official below. The Port reserves the option of charging for the costs of this reproduction.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing will be held on March 22, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Kalama High School Gymnasium, 548 China Garden Road, Kalama, WA 98625.

**Public Comment Period**: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the draft EIS during the expanded comment period, which begins on March 3 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2016. Written comments will be accepted in the following manner:

Mail: Ann Farr, Port of Kalama, 110 West Marine Drive, Kalama, WA 98625

Email: <u>SEPA@KalamaMfgFacilitySEPA.com</u> Website: <u>http://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com</u>

## SEPA Responsible Officials:

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