



**KALAMA MANUFACTURING AND MARINE EXPORT FACILITY
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
SCOPING REPORT
APRIL 2018**

Introduction:

Northwest Innovations Works, LLC – Kalama (NWIW) and the Port of Kalama (Port) are proposing to develop and operate a natural-gas-to-methanol production plant and storage facilities on approximately 90 acres at the Port of Kalama.. Natural gas will be delivered to the methanol plant via a new transmission pipeline lateral, extending approximately three miles through unincorporated Cowlitz County (County) and the City of Kalama. Methanol will be transferred via a pipeline across Port property from the plant storage area to a deep draft marine terminal on the Columbia River including a new dock and dredging.

NWIW and the Port are preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to supplement the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) published by the co-lead agencies on September 30, 2016 with additional analysis and consideration of mitigation for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions attributable to the project.

The Port and County are Co-Lead Agencies under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The Port and the County recently completed the SEIS scoping process as required by SEPA. This Scoping Document has been prepared to summarize and share the results of that effort, including decisions that have been made about the analysis to be addressed in the Draft SEIS.

The Scoping Process:

The purpose of scoping is to narrow the focus of the SEIS to the probable significant adverse impacts reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures (WAC 197-11-408). The Port and the County issued a request for comments on the scope of the SEIS on January 30, 2018. The lead agencies utilized “expanded scoping” (WAC 197-11-410) for this process. The scoping period extended from January 30 through March 1, 2018. To alert the public to the SEPA process and to request scoping comments, the lead agencies followed legal notice requirements to issue the public scoping notice for the SEIS. The notice was advertised in the Longview Daily News, and on the Port’s website. A project-specific SEPA website is maintained to provide information about the project and environmental review under SEPA (<http://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com/>).

The scoping notice was also mailed and/or emailed to members of the public, parties who commented on the EIS being supplemented, interest groups, affected tribes, and agencies with jurisdiction and published in the Department of Ecology’s SEPA register on January 30, 2018.



The lead agencies received comments from members of the public, interest groups, and the Department of Ecology. These comments are available for public review on the project-specific SEPA website (<http://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com/>). Many commenters requested information about project elements, potential impacts, and mitigation that has been provided in the previously prepared FEIS and technical appendices. This information remains available for public review in the project library on the project-specific SEPA website (<http://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com/>)

Scoping Comments and Content of the Draft SEIS:

The Port and the County have reviewed all of the comments received during the scoping period. As a result of that review and based on information available at this time, the Port and the County have decided to proceed with the analysis required to address findings by the Washington State Shoreline Hearings Board in its September 15, 2017 Order on Motions for Partial Summary Judgment (SHB No. 17-010c). The SEIS will include a GHG life cycle analysis covering the following sources of GHG emissions: (1) GHG emissions attributable to construction of the project; (2) onsite direct GHG emissions from the project; (3) GHG emissions from purchased power, including consideration of the potential sources of generation that would satisfy the new power needs; (4) GHG emissions potentially attributable to the project from natural gas production, collection, processing and transmission; (5) GHG emissions from the shipping of methanol product to a representative Asian port; and (6) GHG emissions associated with changes in the methanol industry and related markets that may be induced by the Project's methanol production. The SEIS will clarify the intended use of methanol produced by the facility as a feedstock for olefin production but will also consider the potential for the project to contribute to market changes that could affect the use of methanol generally as fuel. The SEIS also will identify any substantial changes to project design and engineering since publication of the FEIS and will evaluate whether these changes would affect any analysis or conclusions set forth in the FEIS.

Next Steps:

The environmental consultant now will prepare the Draft SEIS for the project. The next document available for public review will be the Draft SEIS. With publication of that document, a public comment period will begin. Notice of the public comment period will be posted in the Longview Daily News, on the Department of Ecology's SEPA Register, and will be sent directly to all parties who submitted scoping comments or comments on the EIS being supplemented, affected tribes, agencies with jurisdiction, and those who have specifically asked to receive notices about the project. Notice will also be posted on the project-specific SEPA website and the Port's website.

At the close of the Draft SEIS comment period, the County and the Port will proceed with preparation of the Final SEIS. For further information and updates about the SEPA review process for the Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility proposal, please visit <http://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com/>