

## **NWIW Statement on Ecology Announcement**

Kalama, WA – NW Innovation Works responded to the Washington State Department Ecology’s decision to undertake a new Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for their proposed methanol manufacturing facility in Kalama, WA.

Vee Godley, NW Innovation Works Chief Development Officer, said: “Nearly five years ago to the day, the environmental review process for our facility was initiated. Throughout that robust process we have been open and transparent, sought input and feedback, and evolved and adapted our project to improve it whenever we can. Despite the fact that the State of Washington lacks a policy to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, NW Innovation Works is helping guide our state to a lower carbon future where emissions are properly accounted for and mitigated.”

Kent Caputo, NWIW Chief Commercial Officer and General Counsel, said: “After five years of review we know our proposed facility will reduce global greenhouse gas emissions, drive meaningful progress in a clean and increasingly renewable materials pathway and will add nothing to the state’s GHG footprint due to our groundbreaking commitment to a 100% GHG neutral mitigation plan, even for emissions not directly associated with our project. If it becomes necessary to prove it again, we will. We’re prepared for the long haul.”

Mr. Godley added: “We’re disappointed the Department of Ecology dealt the Cowlitz County community another delay in their efforts to grow their economy and create local jobs. Every year this project is delayed results in another 10 to 12 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions that would otherwise be removed from the global inventory. Opponents of our project tried to turn the last local election into a referendum on our facility, and voters overwhelmingly elected candidates who support our project. We’re grateful for that show of support and remain committed to Cowlitz County. We will keep fighting to realize our vision of investing in the community, creating jobs, and confronting climate change.”