Say NO to Methanol!

The world's largest fracked-gas to methanol refinery and export terminal proposed in Kalama WA along the Columbia River obligates us to decades of fossil fuel dependency and new pipelines. All for a new Chinese government-backed company to make plastics and profits while abusing our natural resources, increasing our state's greenhouse gas emissions, and risking our health and safety.

Your Money – Property, Taxes, and Jobs

- Property Value Loss: Vapor plumes reaching 2.5 miles long (FEIS, app. D), almost as long as Mt. Rainier is tall, along with the 245' tall flare stack, 100' taller than Kalama's famous totem pole, will disrupt views for which southwest Washington is famous. Similar plants in Texas caused view home values to drop by 11-30%.
- **Eminent Domain**: Property could be seized for corporate (not public) gain from private citizens to build 3.1-mile pipeline including through a historic cemetery.
- Taxes: NWIW successfully lobbied for hundreds of millions of dollars in tax breaks including avoiding paying \$143 million in state and local sales taxes through 2021. Also applied for \$11 million of your tax money to build a dock and are seeking the full \$1.8 billion dollars in costs from WA state employee retirement fund investments.

 Jobs: This refinery will not fix unemployment in Cowlitz County. NWIW considers "local" jobs to be a 90-minute commute from a 12-county area. 1000 construction jobs are touted, but the FEIS says average of 545 with 1000 for only 3 months. Only 1 permanent job per acre many requiring engineering degrees and/or methanol production experience.

Take Action Today! Visit <u>NoMethanol360.com</u> for urgent actions, local events, and resources.

"Our property is threatened by for-profit motive of a private corporation who will build the pipeline, a foreign corporation who will make the methanol, and the country of China who will receive it." ~Mt. Pleasant resident, Cowlitz County

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