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The Port of Kalama wants to marry up to the China government-backed Northwest Innovation Works, a limited liability company (whereby the owners are not personally liable for the company's debts or liabilities). Why, if they are so sure of themselves? The China government company that's backing NWIW, known as the Chinese Academy of Science Holdings (acronym CASH), along with the Port of Kalama and Northwest Innovation Works, has applied for monies that would cost the US taxpayers 2.681 Billion dollars to install the world's largest methanol refinery in Kalama so China can burn the methanol as fuel for transportation.

The Port of Kalama applied to the federal government for 11.5 million dollars for a dock & road for the refinery. The Port of Kalama applied to Washington State for another 11.5 million dollars which is "double-dipping" for the same cause and it's against the law. Do they know what they're doing? The Port of Kalama asked for a federal loan for 15 million dollars to build a well for NWIW that would take over 5 million gallons of water a day from a freshwater aquifer next to the Columbia River. NWIW lobbied for state tax loopholes valued at 143 million dollars. NWIW wants the US taxpayers to bear the full financial burden of 2.1 billion dollars if the methanol refinery fails. NWIW wants to use Washington public employees retirement funds to build the methanol refinery.

That's 2.681 billion dollars total for taxpayers to be on the hook.

This is U.S. taxpayers cash and the Cash Always Stays Here. Our tax monies are ours for our own improvements on air, water, land, and the health of all the people. Taxes should certainly not be spent to emit 4.6 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year for 40 years.

The DSSEIS displacement theory is based on pure speculation using cherry-picked data. All for a shell company that wants to exploit our natural resources and garner profits for a foreign country. DENY the permits. No petrochemical company in Kalama!