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I am speaking here as an individual and not as the Mayor of Kalama.

Everything terrible about this refinery is facts, and everything good is speculations.

The facts:

It will consume large amounts of natural gas for decades, making it impossible to wean ourselves off this fossil fuel.

It will take 100 MW of clean hydro-power, which is like gold when it comes to GHG emission reductions.

It will consume millions of gallons per day from the Columbian Alluvial Aquifer.

It will produce a plume will be visible for miles, which will lower property values in the residential and business community surrounding it.

It will produce toxins that will add to the already large pollution bubble in Kalama. Industries, I-5 vehicle traffic, trains, and ship's cumulative adverse effects will have health impacts on the local population.

It will cause NW consumers and businesses to compete with China for natural gas capacity on the North West pipeline.

It will give Canada the ability to raise its natural gas prices to Washington and Oregon businesses and consumers now that there will be an export terminal to world markets.

It will make it easier for China to compete with American methanol producers located in the Gulf of Mexico if they get the Department of Energy Loan they applied for to help subsidize this refinery.

It will cause a lot of residents to lose their property due to eminent domain by a foreign company.

Speculations:

Jobs and taxes, and environmental considerations are all based on speculations.

Will China buy this "feel good" methanol in the numbers promised?

Will China really shut down already built refineries because this higher-priced methanol just because it will better for the planet?

Will there be a second train built for additional methanol production (Which is how they get to 200 permanent job numbers.) In an uncertain fossil fuel world, how could this refinery promise it will provide taxes and jobs decades into the future?

Will there be 1000 temporary construction jobs needed from this refinery that will be mostly built

elsewhere and just erected here.

Will there be only going to be locals working there? There aren't a lot of out of work refinery workers living in Cowlitz County. The company already said that 30-40% of the better-paying jobs would be brought in from other areas.