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I grew up in Texas. I know the Oil Patch and internally, how it operates.

After completing my GI Bill in the 70's, I started my career as a Systems Engineer processing data in the Oil & Gas Industry working in Dallas and for decades later along the Gulf Coast working out of Houston.

Much like the tobacco industry, there were many internal studies made that revealed the perils of producing oil and gas. These internal studies and their incidental hazard reports were kept away from the public conscience. These studies were then used to minimize information on all publicly known hazards and avoided mentioning other hazards unknown to the general public. This was SOP damage control for proposed projects. This practice has always been there and will continue. I would expect the Chinese owners of this development are more accomplished at this spin/secretcy than their American counterparts.

While this Methanol Plant will be a short-term boon to the area by generating a thousand jobs for the short-term and a couple of hundred long-term jobs; the cost is too great. If you need more proof, take a ride along the Texas/Louisiana coastline. There lie the corroding remnants of a dyeing industry. To bring a dyeing industry and future Superfund site to the great Northwest is a travesty of the highest magnitude.

Please do not approve this permit!

Thank you!