

In 2014, the Chinese Academy of Sciences Holdings Company (CASH) invested \$3.2 billion dollars in the creation of two methanol refineries in the state of Washington.

In September 2015, the chairman of CASH, Wu Lebin, accompanied President Xi Jinping to major diplomatic banquet in Seattle, announcing CASH's doubling of this investment to \$5.2 billion dollars with the addition of a third methanol plant in the Port of Tacoma.

The Government of the People's Republic of China



British Petroleum



The annual power consumption of the refinery would be

450 MEGAWATTS; ENOUGH TO POWER 83% OF TACOMA.



450 megawatts is the annual consumption of 83% of Tacoma Public Utilities customers. That's enough to power approximately **400,000** homes.

TACOMAN METHANOL

Northwest Innovation Works, sponsored by a partnership between British Petroleum and the Chinese Academy of Sciences Holdings Corporation, has proposed a multi-billion dollar investment in the creation of methanol refineries across the state of Washington. The largest of these three would be based in the Port of Tacoma, processing 525 million cubic feet worth of fracked gasoline into methanol, which would be shipped to China in order to be processed into olefins necessary for the creation of plastic goods. This deal proved incredibly controversial, and was ultimately cancelled in April 2016.

TIMELINE

2003

The Port of Tacoma purchases the 740,000 square foot Kaiser Aluminum smelting site and spends the subsequent 13 years demolishing the 75-building compound and removing toxic asbestos from the site.

2009

British Petroleum (BP) and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) invest \$485,000,000 into the creation of Northwest Innovation Works.

2014

NWIW is established as a firm owned by the Clean Energy Technology Company, which is a joint venture between the CAS and BP.

May 1, 2014 - NWIW begins the 18-month feasibility period of their lease with the Port of Tacoma.

2016

February 4, 2016 - Northwest Innovation Works requests that the City of Tacoma pause the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review process.

February 2016 - Red Line Tacoma begins holding rallies, allying with the Pierce County Sierra Club, collecting donations and appearing at city council meetings in order to combat the building of a methanol plant.

February 9, 2016 - The Normandy Park City Council calls a special meeting, passing Resolution No. 900 in opposition of the construction of the plant.

February 11, 2016 - The Federal Way City Council calls an emergency meeting, passing a resolution in opposition of the refinery by the end of the night.

April 19, 2016 - Northwest Innovation Works cancels their plans to construct the refinery and terminates their lease.

March 22, 2016 - Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland appears with Governor Jay Inslee in a promotional video for the methanol plant published on behalf of the Clean Energy Technology Company.

February 13, 2016 - Washington State Senator Jeannie Darnielle denounces NWIW's proposed planton during an interview.

