

## The “pause” is not the end of the methanol refinery.

### What do I need to know?

**Air Pollution** The proposed refinery could release cancer-causing toxins and produce alarming amounts of greenhouse gases. According to NWIW, the plant will emit carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and fine particulate.

**Water Consumption** The refinery would place an unreasonable demand on local resources: an estimated 3.8 billion gallons of water per year. This is equal to approximately 20% of Tacoma’s total water usage in 2015.

**Electricity Usage** The proposed refinery is projected to use an average of 400 Megawatts of power annually, equal to 73% of Tacoma Public Utilities’ entire customer demand in 2015.

**Inherent Dangers** Methanol is toxic, highly volatile and a risk for spills, leaks, fires or explosions. Up to 300,000 tons would be stored in above-ground storage tanks.

**Natural Disaster Risk** The proposed site is located in a hazard zone for earthquakes, tsunami and lahars from volcanic eruption.

**Negative Economic Impacts** Residents are concerned about decreased home values, increased homeowner insurance rates, loss of business and businesses, and exodus of creative and academic classes.

**Perpetuation of the Fossil Fuel Industry** Building more fossil fuel infrastructure delays energy independence, delays innovations in renewable energy, damages the environment in the extraction process, and continues to produce greenhouses gases that contribute to climate change.

**Fracked Gas** The refinery would process 525 million cubic feet/day. Is it fracked gas?

**Plastics Pollution** The end product is olefins used to make plastics.

**Refinery Owner’s Lack of History** Northwest Innovations Works, LLC has never built a methanol refinery.



Methanol refinery opponents joined Washington State Senator Jeannie Darneille at the 27th Legislative district town hall meeting at the Evergreen State College Tacoma Campus on Feb. 20.



**PAUSE FOR  
ACTION**

### What does the pause in the process mean?

On Feb. 19, 2016, NWIW announced its request to pause the process surrounding its proposal to build the world’s largest methanol refinery in the Port of Tacoma for “several months.” Its website says the pause will provide the LLC an opportunity to share details about the project. Tacoma city administrators have said they will continue to accept scoping comments. RedLine Tacoma and other groups have made it clear that their protest of the refinery will not stop during the pause.

**Show up. Speak up.  
Ask tough questions.  
The pause  
is not the end!**

**Visit [www.redlinetacoma.org](http://www.redlinetacoma.org)  
to get more information, updates and action opportunities!**

# What can I do NOW to help stop the methanol refinery?

## What is RedLine Tacoma?

RedLine Tacoma is a grassroots movement of concerned community members from all walks of life. We are neighbors volunteering our time and energy to stop the selling off of our precious resources and to end further degradation of our fragile Pacific Northwest environment. RedLine Tacoma is building and mobilizing our community. We aim to alert, educate, inform and advocate.

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**Sign up to receive email updates from RedLine Tacoma:**  
[www.redlinetacoma.org/email](http://www.redlinetacoma.org/email)

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**Attend events. Talk with friends, neighbors & acquaintances about what the methanol refinery would mean for our community and our citizens**

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**Print, share and post signs and documents from**  
[www.redlinetacoma.org/download-center](http://www.redlinetacoma.org/download-center)

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**Attend and comment at upcoming public meetings**

**Port of Tacoma Commission — Public Meetings**

Every third Thursday of the month, 12 p.m.

**Tacoma City Council Meetings with Public Forum**

Every second Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m.

City Hall, 747 Market St.

**Tacoma Public Utilities Commission Public Meetings**

Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Tacoma Public Utilities Auditorium, 3628 S. 35th St.

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**Send scoping comments to the City of Tacoma**

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