

Plastic Waste How China Became the World's Dumpster

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For the last about 30-40 years, most of the plastic garbage from the United States, from Europe, from Australia, Japan, many other developed countries, was actually sent over to China.

So in most cases, whenever we looked at previous operations in recycling and whatever, the reality basically was the plastic waste from these different countries was basically packed into shipping containers. They were sent over to China. The Chinese companies were getting paid to bring it in and as we now know, a lot of that plastic was simply dumped into the landfills. It was burned in open air, and even some of that was simply poured into the ocean.