



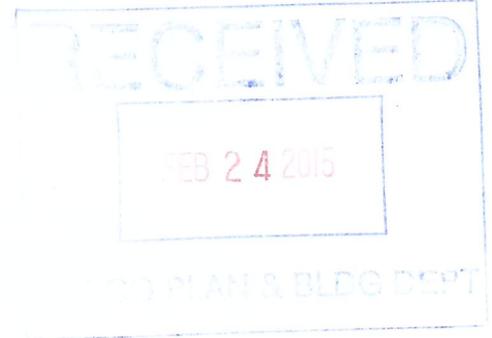
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Honorable Planning Commissioners
San Luis Obispo County
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RE: Letter of Opposition Regarding the Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project

Dear Honorable Chair and Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Camarillo, I would like to express our serious concern and bring to your attention our opposition to the Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project, which would result in Phillips 66 moving their crude oil rail deliveries to the Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) coast line, thereby sending its oil cargo through the City of Camarillo.

According to the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), there exist unmitigated significant hazards and hazardous materials impacts associated with the transport of crude oil by rail that would result in risk of derailment and spillage of crude oil, including impacts to fire protection and emergency response services along the mainline due to oil spill or derailment. Camarillo has three at-grade railroad crossings: 1) Las Posas-Upland Road; 2) Adolfo Road; and 3) Pleasant Valley Road. An incident involving an oil train could result in simultaneous closures of railroad crossings, cutting off large areas of the city from timely access to our only hospital emergency room.

Further, the February 16, 2015, derailment and explosion of an oil train in Rockland, West Virginia – a train comprised solely of CPC-1232 tanker cars, and traveling well under the speed limit for the section of track on which it was traveling – is a clear indication that the use of these cars as a mitigation is inadequate to protect the public from rail oil spills.

For these reasons, the City of Camarillo respectfully opposes the Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension project. Thank you for your consideration of our comments as they pertain to this project.

Sincerely,

Bill Little
Mayor

c: Camarillo City Council
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein
U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer

Congresswoman Lois Capps
Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
Assembly Member Jacqui Irwin



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