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Dear SLO County Planning Commission
c/o Ryan Hostetter, Planning Manager

Honorable Commissioners:

I am protesting the proposed Phillips 66 Oil Rail Terminal on the Nipomo Mesa and plan to transport oil on trains that run through San Luis Obispo County. The proposed action on the part of Phillips 66 represents a huge risk to the environment of this county and to the lives of its citizens. I urge you to vote to NOT allow or approve Phillips 66 plans for rail terminal development and oil transportation on trains through San Luis Obispo County. Some of the negative impacts to this county are listed below:

Impact on air and water quality

1. Activities at the refinery and on the mainline would generate serious pollutant emissions, exceeding thresholds of the SLO County air pollution control district. Emissions include particulate matter, ozone, carbon monoxide, sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides, and lead.
2. Activities at the refinery and on the mainline would generate toxic emissions exceeding thresholds.
3. Activities would generate greenhouse gas emissions exceeding thresholds.
4. Ruptures from mainline rail cars could substantially degrade surface and groundwater quality.

Impact on emergency response

5. Oil spill impacts to fire protection and emergency response services along the mainline would be significant and unavoidable. Emergency response is underfunded, undertrained, underequipped, unprepared, and preempted.

Impact on agriculture, wildlife and wetlands

6. The mainline passes through prime farm lands. In the event of an oil spill or fire, there could be a complete loss of agricultural resources.
7. A derailment or oil spill by the tracks would impact an estimated 200 sensitive animal species. The impacts to channels and wetlands would be substantial.

Impact to people

8. An oil spill could result in the destruction of schools, businesses, and homes along the mainline, not to mention the significant devaluing of property.
9. A train derailment would increase the risk to the public significantly at the Union Pacific right-of-way.
10. Noise pollution as a result of hundreds of two-mile long trains through residential neighborhoods each year would be intolerable.
11. The project places the SLO County's agricultural businesses, tourism, and business development at severe risk.

There have already been dozens of accidents of oil trains where they have been permitted, and the number of accidents is accelerating. Accidents are inevitable, whether they are due to track conditions, mechanical failure, crashes of one train into another, or human error. They have resulted in devastating

fires, loss of life, and loss of property. We do not want this to happen in our lovely county. Please check out the Mesa Refinery Watch Group website for lots more factual information:
www.mesarefinerywatch.com.

This letter is to state my protest the proposed Phillips 66 Oil Rail Terminal on the Nipomo Mesa and plan to transport oil on trains that run through San Luis of County. I urge members of the SLO County Planning Commission to vote against the Phillips 66 Oil Train Proposal.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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