



**Fw: A Truly Bad Idea**  
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

As you must by now be painfully aware, Phillips 66 is proposing to expand its San Luis Obispo County refinery to receive oil trains carrying explosive, toxic, and carbon intensive tar sands oil. If approved, more of these oil trains will begin rolling through California's communities, threatening schools, homes, community centers, and parks. Over 5 million California residents live in the oil train blast zone.

The Phillips 66 oil rail transport and storage project is an appallingly bad idea. It is the precise opposite of what we as a society should be doing. Permitting millions of gallons of toxic crude oil to be shipped by rail across half the continent & then thru heavily populated areas is idiocy.

Coal & oil are on their way out. We now know that burning them is destroying the planet. That is why oil pipelines such as Keystone XL are being stopped & therefore this toxic oil must be shipped by train. We intend to stop the proposed coal export terminal in Oakland, and you should stop this oil rail transport and storage project in San Luis Obispo.

I realize that this is a tremendous departure from the way that we have lived for a couple of hundred years, but it is necessary now to do things differently. Please think not only about local, short-term business considerations, but also please consider what makes sense for the long-term health & safety of everyone. Should you do that I argue that you will readily conclude that the Phillips 66 project should not go forward. Thank you.

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