



Fw: Phillips 66 Railspur
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Letter to the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission

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Phillips 66 Railroad Spur

Coward make decisions based on fear. This word aptly describes the county planning staff and almost all those who speak about the dangers of railroad traffic of oil. Patriotic Americans face danger with bravery and overcome their fears. Great Americans make decisions based on reason not feelings. Fear is a feeling.

The world economy operates with oil. Please look around your home, car, school, stores, and work places and find all those things made of or transported by oil. I think you will find that oil makes or transports every item in your life. Manufacturers make plastics from oil. Diesel trucks transport products. Diesel tractors harvest cotton.

The proponents of the proposed Phillips 66 Railroad Extension Project describe about the impact of the refinery closing would have on the local economy. Phillips 66 provides at least 200 jobs in SLO County as well as a significant amount of tax revenue for schools, fire protection, and other vital local services. It is unconscionable for the government to support or even allow farmers to convert perfectly good food into fuel so that people can ride their all terrain vehicles while children starve around the world.

The Phillips 66 Santa Maria refinery has been safely operating since 1956. Most people in the county probably don't know that there is refinery in Nipomo. During the 60 years in business, they have earned a highly regarded reputation for being a safely operated facility.

Fewer reliable sources by pipeline has forced the refinery to propose a project that would

increase the number of tanker trains by three to five per week. Two to three tanker trains already run through the county per week supplying oil from San Ardo to LA County.

Thank you

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