



Phillips 66 rail spur project, and air quality on the Nipomo Mesa
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Dear Mr. Hostetter:

We would like to be on record as adamantly opposing the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project. We are in opposition because continuing rail accidents causing oil spills across the U.S. have demonstrated conclusively that crude cannot be shipped safely by this method. Moreover, we understand that most of this crude will be produced from tar sands or from fracking. Tar sand extraction contributes to global warming out of proportion to the amounts of crude oil produced. And, fracking in the west should be discouraged or VERY tightly regulated because of the potential for groundwater contamination, especially in light of the growing importance of ALL possible groundwater sources to help us survive growing drought conditions now and in the foreseeable future. Potential groundwater contamination from fracking operations has

become an even greater threat now that California's oversight of this hazard has proven incompetent. Steve Bohlen should have been fired.

On another matter, our weather app earlier this year gave us several alerts to stay inside because the air we are trying to breath contained concentrations of dust that were hazardous to our health. What in the world is going on here? We have started to follow the politics of this issue as it effects us here on the Nipomo mesa and don't understand why the county and state have not insisted on mitigation measures at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Area that would protect our health. We are becoming angry that nothing is being done. Please convey our concerns to any county and state officials with which you interact as appropriate.

We will be following closely the outcomes of actions or inactions by our elected officials on these two paramount issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Adam Smith, "The Wealth of Nations."