



**Phillips 66 proposal and public safety**  
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Please respond to Kathleen Snelling

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Dear Chair and Commissioners,

I am writing to add my voice to many others in the county who are opposed to the approval of the Philips 66 proposal to build a spur at the Santa Maria Refinery.

Are you aware of the small distance between the tracks on which these trains will travel and the location of schools, homes, and businesses along the route that passes through Atascadero? Schools, homes and businesses are sometimes as close as 100 feet from the tracks that run through Atascadero. My own home is in a densely populated area that is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the tracks. You must be aware of the potential for great bodily injury and/or loss of life should one of these train cars explode.

What could be the cause for any reasonable person's lack of concern for public safety? If one of these trains were to derail in Atascadero, there is potential for an explosion that would kill or severely injure many people who live, work, or study within less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of the train tracks.

I strongly urge you to deny Phillips 66 proposed project.

Kathleen Snelling