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Dear California Government Official:

SLO County's Planning Commissioners have at last voted Up or Down on Phillips 66's plan to bring flammable crude oil trains to SLO County and California. Read our October newsletter (**attached**). It includes ...

- ▶ The well-thought-out reasons why the Commission **DENIED** permission to build the P66 rail terminal.
- ▶ How P66 has already appealed to the Board of Supervisors, and the specific arguments they're making.
- ▶ Why a candidate for SLO County Supervisor would have to recuse himself from voting on the P66 project.
- ▶ How the mayor of Paso Robles is standing tall in opposition to the P66 plan.
- ▶ Why Shell Oil just pulled the plug on a crude oil rail terminal in Washington.
- ▶ How Benecia's City Council didn't buckle; they've officially rejected Valero Oil's rail terminal project.
- ▶ The warning that the Chairman of the NTSB is sending out about crude oil trains in U.S. cities.
- ▶ How P66 responded inappropriately when their crude oil recently leaked into San Pablo Bay.

**While we all welcome the Planning Commission's decision, we must continue to remain committed and engaged as the process moves on to SLO County's Board of Supervisors. Look for information in this newsletter on when and how you can act.**

Respectfully,  
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