



Fw: I strongly oppose the transport of oil and tar sands by rail through our communities!

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"Thinking a smile all the time will keep your face youthful" - Frank G. Burgess
"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been" - Mark Twain

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Dear Ms. Fogelman, Legislative Aid for Sup. Mecham:

As a constituent and as a Registered Nurse who works at Name of facility here on the Central Coast, I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose the transport of oil and tar sands by rail through our communities, past our homes, schools, and workplaces, en route to the Phillips 66 refinery in

Nipomo.

I urge you to reject the rail expansion project at the refinery.

I oppose any expansion of a rail spur at the refinery include:

1. The immediate impact on health - As a Registered Nurse, I firmly believe that the toxic air emissions that would result from this project pose an unacceptable risk to public health. These emissions would negatively impact the most vulnerable member of our communities; children, the elderly, low income and working families.

2. Safety concerns - There is a dubious track record for safety of oil transport by rail. In 2013 alone, there was more oil spilled than during the previous four decades combined across the U.S. and Canada.

The potential for oil spills and explosions puts those living near the rail lines and refinery at great risk, and that is unacceptable. Both Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center and French Hospital Medical Center are in the immediate blast zone areas, near the tracks, and Twin Cities Community Hospital and Arroyo Grande Community Hospital are both close enough that they would be severely impacted as well, by any large catastrophic event.

3. Impact on climate change - Climate change affects all of the social and environmental determinants of health, including clean air, safe drinking water, sufficient food, and secure shelter. Reducing emissions of greenhouse gases can result in improved health, not only through immediate reduced air pollution, but also in addressing the long-lasting and potentially irreversible effects of climate change.

4. Impact on Property Values - As a taxpayer, the negative impact on property values caused the increased regularity of oil trains running through our community is cause for great concern.

Again, I strongly urge you to vote no on the Phillip's 66 Refinery rail project.

Sincerely,

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