



Fw: oil trains
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San Louis Obispo County Planning Commission:

I am writing to request that you deny a permit for the construction of the rail spur, requested by Phillips 66, to their refinery in Santa Maria. The transportation of volatile oil by train is an immediate danger for all the California residents in the blast zone and for environmentally fragile marine areas. These oil trains frequently derail even without the added instability of a possible earthquake. In addition to the immediate environmental degradation and loss of life which would occur from a derailment or explosion there is the ongoing contribution of fossil fuel use to climate change. California is currently in a severe drought, Alaska and western Canada are burning and future climate disruption will be worse. We have been warned of the necessity to switch from the burning of fossil fuels to renewable energy sources to save the earth, yet we continue to use extreme measures to obtain more oil. You have the power to halt the transportation of oil from northern states and Canada through California. If the oil cannot get to the refinery in Santa Maria it will not be burned overseas. Please consider the impact of oil trains on the people and the systems needed to sustain life when you make your decision about the rail spur.

Thank you,
Susan Cavalieri
Santa Cruz, California