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From: Mark Schmitt <1mschmitt@att.net>
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Cc: Charles@varni.org
Date: 11/19/2015 01:58 PM
Subject: Stop Oil Trains in SLO County

Dear Supervisor Lynn Compton,

My name is Mark Schmitt. Although I live in Supervisor Hill's district, I have grave concerns that you are not hearing significant opposition to the Phillips 66 rail spur terminal proposal from your constituents.

Four years ago I retired from nearly 40 years in the California Fire service. During my tenure I was trained and certified by the State of California as a Hazardous Materials Specialist and served in that capacity for twelve years on the Santa Barbara County Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team. An intensive segment of our training at the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) in San Luis Obispo, involved the isolation and mitigation, to the extent possible, of motor carrier tanker trucks and rail cars leaking hazardous materials. An event such as the derailment of an oil train carrying a volatile blend of oil product from the Tar Sands of Alberta to the Phillips 66 refinery would be far beyond the scope of training and resource capability of local first responder agencies. First Responders would be forced into a defensive position involving evacuations of at risk populations while attempting to isolate and contain the resultant spill, at a safe enough distance that would minimize their exposure to the almost inevitable risk of fire and explosion (read 1/2 mile blast zone and 1 mile evacuation zone). The derailment of one of these mile-long oil trains would constitute a major emergency and would activate a multi-agency mutual aid response at the local, state and federal levels. The risk to the life and safety of the exposed populations, and to the first responder agencies cannot be overstated. Once the fires are suppressed, and the explosion hazard eliminated, the environmental clean up phase would begin. This could take weeks to months, resulting in long-term damage to fragile ecosystems along the planned route. The economic impacts to local communities could be devastating.

When you add up the risks to the eight communities in San Luis Obispo impacted by a potential derailment of one oil train it begs the question; "To what end?" Who is the ultimate beneficiary of increased oil by rail traffic bringing the added noise and air pollution, along with the potential for a major disaster in the event of a derailment. It's certainly not those eight communities taking all the risk who would benefit. It's not the County who would benefit. It's pure profit for the oil and rail industries.

The very real threats to our public safety, our environment and our economic vitality are the reasons I oppose the Phillips 66 train terminal project. The oil and rail interests reap all the benefits while your constituents take all the risk.

I have attached a brief Op Ed piece I wrote some time ago attempting to apply

the science behind the difference between the oil trains carrying the "combustible" San Ardo crude that have been traveling through our communities for years, and the proposed oil trains that would be carrying the "flammable" Alberta Tar Sands oil if this proposal is approved by your Board. It is also unclear whether the oil and rail interests would take advantage of the exemption in the Code of Federal Regulation allowing the transport of a flammable liquid (Alberta Tar Sands Oil) in combustible liquid rail cars (San Ardo Oil).

Please take the time to review the information and share with counterparts on the Board.

Thank you,

Mark Schmitt
Pismo Beach, CA.



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From: Mike McCurdy <mm303033@gmail.com>
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Subject: Oil Trains

Dear Supervisor Lynn Compton,

My name is Mike McCurdy and I am a resident of **Pismo Beach**. I appreciate your request to hear from your constituents on the proposed Phillips 66 oil train project. As a resident living in south San Luis Obispo County, I strongly oppose the approval of this facility.

My concerns are the danger posed by these trains that, during a period when the country and world are awash in oil, only seem to benefit one entity - Phillips 66.

Due to the reasons above, I firmly believe that the proposed Phillips 66 rail spur is not in our communities best interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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From: Rose Lutjen <rosep95@aol.com>
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Subject: Oil Trains

Dear Supervisor Lynn Compton,

My name is Rose Lutjen and I am a resident of Nipomo. I was glad to hear that you wanted more input on the proposed Phillips 66 rail spur train project. As a resident of south San Luis Obispo County, I STRONGLY oppose the approval of this facility.

I am deeply concerned about pollution, health and safety of myself, family and particularly my grandchildren.

Actually, I have friends all over (in other communities) concerned as well. Our closest friends have decided not to move here because of environmental, personal health and safety and the specter of the rail approval.

I urge you as our representative to rise above political ties and recognize what is truly in the best interests of the people you represent.

I can't see any way such a potentially dangerous proposal should pass. Please think of your constituents when voting on this issue. In this crazy world we live in, it seems like this is just one more danger. However, it is one that with research (recent history of oil tanker trains), foresight and courage, we can avert before it becomes reality.

Thank you for your openness to consider the many who oppose the rail spur project.

Sincerely,

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