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Dear Slo County Dept of Planning & Building,

I am urging you to reject Phillips 66 upgrade to its Santa Maria Refinery. This is a reckless and highly-polluting, life-threatening project. I live in Contra Costa County along the rail line where these mile-long trains carrying explosive oil will pass. It will put thousands of people at risks for accidents, spills, explosions (such as Lac-Meganic Quebec July 6, 2013, leveling the downtown and killing 47 people). These trains threaten our air, water and health contributing to climate disruption. Volatile toxic chemicals leak out of tank cars. Phillips 66 admitted that "significant and unavoidable" levels of air pollution - toxic sulfur dioxide and cancer-causing chemicals. This will cause increased health risks of cancer, heart disease and respiratory disease. These trains will be carrying more than 3 million gallons of explosive, toxic crude oil that if derailed near a river, stream, reservoir, or ground aquifer could contaminate our drinking water. Please say no to this project. Thank-you!

Sincerely,

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