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RE: Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project

Dear Planning Commissioners,

The San Lorenzo Education Association would like to state our concerns regarding the Phillips 66 oil train offloading facility expansion in San Luis Obispo County. We are particularly concerned with the increase in oil-train traffic generated by this project through many densely populated areas, including San Lorenzo and the risk it poses to our schools along the rail route.

The most significant impact identified in the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) is accidents on the main rail line that could result in oil spills, fires, and explosions near populated areas. Nine of our schools, serving almost 6,000 students, are within the one-mile US Department of Transportation Potential Impact Zone in the case of an oil train derailment or fire. Our current rail system is designed to connect residents to their destinations throughout the entire Bay Area, not to move large quantities of hazardous materials like crude oil.

The RDEIR did not evaluate the relative air quality or greenhouse gas emissions for the entire project area, which includes oil transport through San Lorenzo from Canada to the San Luis Obispo County facility. The diesel emissions from operational activities of trains along the route would generate toxic pollutant emissions that exceed thresholds, increasing the risk of cancer, heart disease, and respiratory disease, especially in the very young.

The San Lorenzo Education Association respectfully requests that the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission vote to deny approval of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Pinkney', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Donna Pinkney
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