



**Oil Trains**  
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Dear Ryan:

I was told that you are the Senior Planner who has the Phillips 66 Nipomo Rail Spur application assignment.

We live in the Blast Zone in San Luis Obispo.

I have recently become aware of this most important issue and would like you to make this e-mail message a part of the upcoming hearing record. I sent this letter to the Pismo City Council, but the County Planning Commission will be considering the same concerns at the future public hearing and I thought you might like to see what is happening in other parts of the country re these unsafe trains. Thank you.

Regarding: Council Action on Oil Trains, for meeting of September 15, 2015.

Dear Mayor Higginbotham and the members of the City Council:

Please consider this when you are deciding what position to take on the Oil Trains. My family lives in the Blast Zone in San Luis Obispo.

Isn't it interesting that on September 3, The Tribune had a front page article stating that your City Council was considering whether to oppose the proposed Phillips 66 Oil Train Spur in Nipomo, and yet on page 6 there was an article entitled "Leaky Oil Train Cars Get Extension". The leaking tank car owners Knew of the leaks for over 9 months, and for 6 months ignored the federal regulator's mandate that required them to replace the leaking cars. Instead, the owners of the defective cars asked for an extension until 2018 to continue running the leaking cars through the Blast Zones! What if there was a "sparking chain", like what started the Cuesta fire? The only difference here is that according to our fire officials, Oil Train fires can't be put out! No wonder this same week, the City of Los Angeles and the County of Santa Barbara voted to Oppose Oil Trains. Anyone who argues that these trains are safe is ignoring the truth. The continued arrogant disregard of our public safety by these Oil Train operators should make your decision an obvious one— Please vote to Oppose Oil Trains!

Thank you very much for your public service.

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