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Dear Mr. Wilson

REIR

5.0 Alternatives

The R E I R discusses a No Project Alternative wherein

§ The Santa Maria Refinery would continue to receive crude oil from the existing pipeline network from the Santa Maria Pump Station located in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County. This additional oil would most probably arrive from Bakersfield as is already occurring. Additional deliveries are already approved by Santa Barbara County.

§ The REIR states that all potential impacts using this alternative would be lower due to less train traffic. There would be no additional impacts at the SMR.

§ The R E I R states If the County is preempted from requiring mitigation of the impacts on the UPRR mainline track and locomotives (and safer rail cars) (a definite probability), then “the No Project Alternative would be environmentally superior since it would eliminate a Class I air impact... and reduce the severity of five other Class I impacts. (Page 5-49, paragraph 3 of the R E I R).

§ It further states that The No Project Alternative would meet most of the basic objectives of the Rail Spur Project. (Page 5-49, paragraphs 3 and 6 of the R E I R).

That’s what the Environmental Impact Statement says!

“The No Project Alternative would meet most of the basic objectives of the Rail Spur Project.”

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