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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Phillips 66 Rail Terminal Expansion

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my strongest opposition to the proposed Phillips 66 project. I believe this project is completely incompatible with the San Luis Obispo County Master Plan. The population growth near the refinery and along the rail lines that will be used to serve the refinery if this plan is approved preclude the approval of this project.

The transportation of crude oil by train through San Luis Obispo represents a real danger to the citizens of San Luis Obispo County, in particular residents of the City San Luis Obispo, including almost 20,000 Cal Poly students, and the other densely populated areas adjacent to the proposed railroad route. Transporting oil via rail continues to be a relatively hazardous option when compared to the use of pipelines. The train traffic associated with the proposed project is not safe and, if approved, will continue in perpetuity regardless of the continued population growth in our County that will be impacted. Stop this expansion now, not just for current, but also for future residents of San Luis Obispo County.

The proposed project will directly and immediately negatively impact the quality of life for the residents near the refinery and along the rail route used to supply the refinery. I do not believe that the noise, odor, lighting or interferences with traffic can be ignored when considering this proposal. The quality of life San Luis Obispo County offers is its'
greatest asset and needs to be carefully protected.

One of this County's most valuable assets is the quality of its' natural environment supporting our rural and semi-rural way of life. This project will negatively impact the quality of life enjoyed by all the County's residents even in the absence of any potentially catastrophic accidents.
Noise, light, odor, interference with road traffic and the consequences of a potential accident associated with the proposed project endanger the benefit of our County's natural environment and way of life. BAI-01

The expansion of what I would describe as "heavy industry" is not compatible with our County's current, and future, way of life. Increased refinery operations are not compatible with the dramatic increase in residential housing in the Nipomo area and would only make it more difficult to address the existing air quality issues already impacting the residents of that community.

I think it is fair to say that if the Nipomo refinery was not already in existence, any plan to build such a project would be not even be considered so please do not allow Phillips 66 to enlarge it.

This proposed project has extremely serious and negative implications for our County, both now and for the foreseeable future. Please be good "stewards" and stop this project and protect the citizens, the environment and the high quality of life we now enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William Bailey