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Subject: Fwd: REIR

Mr. Murry Wilson, SLO County Planning Department,

The REIR has been brought to our attention because we are residents on the Nipomo Mesa.

I am deeply concerned about REIR for many reasons. We have been coming up to the Central Coast for over 35 years on vacation to escape the environmental issues we grew up in, lived in and drove in daily in the southern California area. We could not wait until one day we could retire in a community that would bring healthy well being both physically as well as mentally.

We moved up to the Nipomo area five years ago to a peaceful environment after my husband succumbed and survived stage 4 cancer, open heart surgery as a result of the cancer treatment as well as spinal cord surgery.

The cancer was brought about by the carcinogens that resulted after living through the massive wildfires in Southern California. My 90 year old mother, my husband as well as at least 40 neighbors were diagnosed with cancer of some organ, or suffered a massive heart attack due to the carcinogens left by the ash of these fires within 1 to 2 years. It was stated to me by a rescue team member, after sharing what my husband and mom were going through "I won't even tell you what the carcinogens from a fire will do to the human organs".

In REIR, it states that there is a definite possibility that "tar sands" crude oil from Alberta, Canada will be shipped in. Tar sands emit and have high amounts of sulfur dioxide. These carcinogens will have a major effect on my husband with his preexisting heart conditions. We purchased a home two years ago where our bedroom faces Phillips 66. We leave our door open for fresh air and I can tell you over the past two years we have already had to close the door in the middle of the night due to the intense odor coming from the refinery. I actually made a trip to emergency in September as I thought I was having a heart attack. I am a healthy 58 year old. If this tar is brought into the refinery, it will only produce more of a health threat to my husband and myself. I don't think I want to live in an environment like that.

We also lived in the city where noise was prevalent, that is why we moved to the country. Peace, quiet and mental peace of mind. With the proposed site for the rail terminal, that will also be taken away from us.

The construction of the terminal will be offensive not to mention the trains that will be coming in daily for the rest of our lives. I love the sound of a distance train every once in a while, however, many in a day loading and unloading, repairs and trucks going up and down Willow constantly taking their loads is not what I find romantic. I drove in and heard traffic in L.A., Orange County and San Diego for 54 years, I don't want to find that in my backyard now. I have only mentioned a few of our concerns, but there are many more.

I appreciate your time in reading these concerns, now I would like to ask you to take them to heart. If this was your wife, your children facing such concerns, would you go ahead and approve REIR. There are definite health hazards on the rise if this goes through.

Sincerely,

Karen Bottom  
concerned community resident

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