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Subject: Phillips 66 Railspur Project

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Dear Mr. Murry Wilson,

Thank you for adding my comments to the public record on the Phillips 66 Railspur Project.

I am a resident of Davis, California, and the proposed 80-car crude-oil train headed to the Santa Maria refinery 5 days a week will travel through Davis. I am concerned for a number of reasons, but, principally, due to the potential impact of the project on global warming.

The Phillips 66 Oil Company is proposing to build a rail-car unloading terminal at its Santa Maria refinery in San Luis Obispo, in order to unload long trains of crude oil arriving from other parts of the United States.

This is the wrong project to carry out, and, most especially, it is at the wrong time. The world is currently suffering from growing symptoms of a global warming which is caused primarily by human activities in burning vast quantities of fossil fuels. Burning these fuels over the last 250 years has placed huge amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, restricting the re-release of radiant energy from sun, and interfering with the natural control of the temperature of the earth.

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As the human population has increased to trillions of individuals, and its greenhouse gas releases have grown to billions of tons per year, the symptoms of global warming have become increasingly obvious. We are experiencing widely varying global weather patterns and intensities of storms, melting of mountain glaciers and polar ice, changing of seasonal timing, movements of plant and animal habitats, extinctions of plants and animals, destruction of human property, and growing numbers of human injuries and deaths,.

We should not be spending thought, time, money, and, most of all, greater amounts of energy in extracting fuels from more remote and difficult underground deposits; we should be working to change our civilization into an ecologically responsible one, and training ourselves to be careful and cooperative members of it. The cost of this path of action will be less, the rewards for individuals will be greater, and we will be able to congratulate ourselves for being the generation which broke away from disaster. And, most of all, we will have a far greater chance of success than desperately clinging to business as usual, as we have been doing for several decades.

In summary, I recommend that the Phillips 66 Railspur Proposal, which is detrimental to the world's ecology not be approved, and that the reason for this rejection is the ecology of the earth itself.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter,

Sincerely,

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