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On Nov 21, 2014, at 5:17 PM, Ray Garrett <dunes.13@hotmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Murry Wilson, SLO County Planning Department,

As a long time resident of San Luis Obispo County and a resident of Nipomo, I have serious concerns regarding the proposed rail spur project:

- 1) In 2006 we were able to sell our home in AG and moved to rural Nipomo. One of the primary reasons was the beautiful night sky. The stars move across the sky and set in the west and the planets "go rouge" and often appear in our western night sky. Light pollution is a serious issue that may not have been given enough attention. The REIR fails to address the visual impacts for amateur astronomers. I live directly across the HWY 1 from the plant and believe this issue has not been mitigated sufficiently. Thirty foot light poles along the perimeter will destroy the night sky. GAR-01
- 2) I worked at CMC for 30 years before retiring and one of my tricks to getting to work on time was skipping the Morro Bay turn off and taking California, until one morning I got stuck at California and Foothill waiting for a train. I have seen the scene when the students can't get to class. They may take risks or not even be aware (head phone death) a train is coming. Even a mile long train! Consider all the other crossings throughout the county. The risk would be to the majority of the SLO County citizens not to residents near the plant where the trains are governed. When I loaned my son in Sacramento a car, I took the train home and saw first hand how close homes in Paso and A-town are to the tracks. That many trains would really "rock their world." The Board has the ability to control only this project not the "cargo" and are the risks worth it when most of the county's citizens will have negative impacts? By the way ever train leaving the plant going south will sound it's horn 3 times before it gets to Guadalupe. GAR-02
- 3) The other obvious concern is air quality. Anybody who has read The Tribune has seen the gross pictures of all the black waste on the ground! Would the Board really subject the residents of Nipomo to more air quality issues? There is a serious air quality issue and the REIR uses the wrong standard to measure it. GAR-03

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