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Subject: Rejection of the proposed oil-train terminal in Santa Maria

Dear SLO Dept of Planning and Transportation,

As someone who was born in SLO and raised in North county I am deeply opposed to the Philips 66 proposal to begin receiving trains of extreme oil in Santa Maria at a new oil train terminal.

Our railway system was not designed to transport dangerous, and highly explosive oil through cities. This move would put many communities throughout California at risk for accidents and spills, threatening our air, water, and health, and contributing to climate disruption.

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All that one needs to do is to look at Lac Mégantic, in Quebec, to see the devastating effects that only one accident along this proposed system could cause. Far too many people live in California to take these types of risks with the stability of their environment, their businesses, their lives, and their homes.

The acknowledged "significant air pollution" of this proposed Oil Railway will increase the levels of toxic chemicals in the air, causing respiratory illnesses, heart disease and cancer. Such an undertaking does not do justice to California's legacy of environmental protection. Investments in our future should focus on green technologies. Tar sands oil is a bad investment for all our citizens.

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I implore you to reject this dangerous and reckless proposal, and furthermore to take a stand against tar sands refinement in our county and our state.

As our representatives, you have a duty to protect the health of our communities and our coastline. Any move towards such a refinery would be endangering the health and safety of our citizens.

Sincerely,  
Helen Herbek