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Subject: Comments on proposed Philips 66 Rail Spur Project

Attention:  
Mr. Murry Wilson, SLO County Planning Department

RE: Comments on Rail Spur REIR dated October 2014

I am a resident of Nipomo as of March 2013. I moved to this area because of the quality of life on the Central Coast, clean air, and location in a rural area - away from industrial facilities and manufacturing. After reading the above-referenced REIR, I am convinced that the construction and operation of a rail spur adjacent to the Phillips 66 refinery would permanently alter the local environment, would degrade the quality of life, and create adverse economic impact in San Luis Obispo county.

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Specifically, I am concerned about the following Class I impacts:  
--page ES-9: Operational pollutant emissions, air toxic emissions and greenhouse gas emissions would exceed those of the SLOCAPCD.  
There is nothing that can be done to mitigate these, which means that air pollution would be increased and carried via prevailing winds directly to the community where I live. Not only do we deal with sand dune particulates, but other toxic particulate matter and gases will exceed normal healthy levels, especially for people with respiratory disorders.

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--page ES-13: Fire protection and emergency services are already spread thin in this area, and represent a serious risk in the event of a fire or hazardous material spill. They don't have budgets or training to protect local residents in the event of fires or hazmat spills. That means it brings new dangers to our local area; fires and hazardous materials could spread quickly through our surrounding residential communities and we wouldn't have enough emergency personnel to protect us. On top of that, a hazardous waste spill and resulting clean-up would damage local agricultural crops, our beaches, our local small businesses, and therefore, our local economy.

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You, our elected officials, have a responsibility to protect the interests of our county's citizens and taxpayers. We want to continue to live here and thrive. Please say NO to this Rail Spur and vote for the NO PROJECT alternative.

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