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Subject: Santa Maria Refinery expansion

Mr. Murry Wilson, SLO County Planning Department:

Please vote "NO" on the P66 Rail Terminal Project. The impact of the terminal will only have detrimental effects for SLO County. Some major reasons the SLO County Department of Planning and Building should not approve the project are as follows:

a. There would be 520 trains per year that are each 1.5 miles long loaded with high sulfur dioxide Canadian tar sands oil. The result would be more pet coke stored at the refinery.

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b. The trains would be going up and down the Cuesta Grade which is the second most dangerous grade in the state.

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c. There would be 520 more trains passing through the campus of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo loaded with dangerous oil.

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d. If this proposal is approved SLO County will have no legal oversight of the entire project as the FTC will have all regulatory control.

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e. The REIR recognizes the serious nature of the health risks caused by the rail project. The AQ.2 section of the REIR states that the operational activities associated with the rail spur at the refinery would generate criteria pollutant emissions that exceed SLOCAPD thresholds.

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f. The rail project lies in the heart of a region where the state health standard for particulate matter is violated over 70 times per year. The diesel train engine emissions will only add to this problem.

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g. The light pollution from the rail terminal's 30 foot high floodlights would be on 24 hours a day. The light would be seen by most residents in the Trilogy Monarch Dunes and surrounding areas.

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h. The rail terminal project will have a negative impact on property values and on our communities residential growth which has been encouraged by the SLO Planning Commission.

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i. Although 12 full-time jobs would be added at the rail terminal, in the case of a spill terminal problem or train accident, thousands of jobs in our agricultural and tourist industries would be jeopardized.

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Sincerely,
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