November 18, 2014

Mr. Murry Wilson
SLO County Planning Dept.

Dear Mr. Murry, Wilson,

I am writing as a concerned parent of a Cal Poly student. My daughter has shared with us the proposal by Santa Maria Refinery to expand rail transfer of crude oil and increased refinery production. I find it hard to believe that volatile cargo is being considered to pass right by the Cal Poly students. While the students are concerned that fossil oil is contributing to global warming and we need to not be economically dependent on oil processes, my fears are ~~less o~~ not as global. I fear for our young people to be exposed to more pollutants from diesal trains. Also, their weekends are usually at the beach or dunes. The air is already poor in quality rating. What are the effects of more toxins and particles? And God forbid there would be a train accident involving explosion or spill.

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It is unconscionable to put college students at this risk. Families who live in the vicinity of train tracks and the refinery need to be considered. Children do not have a voice and effects of air pollutants are not well known for the long run. No one thinks it is a good idea to increase exposures.

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The purpose of this letter is to lodge my petition that the refinery project be disapproved. Health concerns from exposures need the protection by the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Jan Mittler