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Subject: Opposition to P66 Rail Terminal Project

Dear Mr. Murry,

I am very concerned about the proposed rail spur expansion of Phillips 66. The increase in air pollution from diesel will impact the air quality on the Nipomo Mesa.

Our air already exceeds EPA guidelines for particulate matter on many occasions and is often more polluted than Los Angeles.

This effect on the health of those who live here will be adversely impacted.

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The noise pollution and light pollution will also affect those of us who live close to the rail spur.

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The number of accidents of railcars carrying oil has greatly increased in the last few years.

These accidents have resulted in loss of life, water supplies and caused great economic and environmental damage.

The REIR focused on previous years before the number of accidents increased.

The proposal is for 520 oil trains coming through SLO county each year.

Should there be an accident, this would have a negative impact on the entire San Luis Obispo county, including Cal Poly, Pismo beach, many wineries and other agricultural areas, and the entire state of California plus endangering the lives and safety of many residents of SLO county.

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The railcars carrying oil would travel close to two Monarch butterfly protected areas.

The impact of an accident would be disastrous to the butterflies.

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If the board of supervisors approves this plan, which is fraught with danger, there would be other possibilities to still stop the expansion. However, Phillips 66 has already filed a lawsuit against the state of California, stating any restriction the state would have on this perilous spur, would be overridden by the federal laws against restricting interstate commerce.

This huge oil company has almost unlimited resources to fight government and other groups opposed to this project.

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If this first step is not approved, you will eliminate the chances of second, third or final step to move forward with this very hazardous proposal.

You were elected by the people of San Luis Obispo county to represent and protect them, not to promote the interests of a powerful corporation.

Please think of the health and well-being of all of the people in San Luis Obispo county, including your families, and reject the Phillips 66 Rail Terminal Project.

Sincerely,
Sheila Phipps