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Subject: Santa Maria Refinery Upgrade

Greetings,

As a person who lives near a railroad line and not far from the five Bay Area refineries, I am concerned for the safety of my family and community members. Any increase in the "bomb trains" put us all at greater risk. Our community members are already suffering from spiked rates of asthma and cancers due to the oil industry. All of this, in addition to dramatic changes in the climate from the ppm of carbon in the atmosphere, shouts for a different way of handling permits and dealing with EIRs.

PLP-01

The proposed oil-train terminal in Santa Maria is linked by pipeline to the Phillips 66 refinery in Rodeo, located along the San Pablo Bay in west Contra Costa County. In addition to upgrading its Santa Maria facility, Phillips 66 proposes to modify its Rodeo refinery so that it can refine the most toxic crude oil on earth: Canadian tar sands. Transporting and refining tar sands will create more toxic air and water pollution for families living along the rail line and near the refinery. At every stage of the mining, transportation, and refining process, Canadian tar sands are more carbon intensive than other sources of oil. These crudes also have a higher content of sulfur and nitrogen, meaning they are more corrosive and more highly polluting.

PLP-02

The Bay Area would be doubly impacted by this project if Phillips 66 gets its way: the imminent threat of crude by rail to the Santa Maria facility—on top of increased pollution and risk of accident at the Rodeo refinery. Moreover, bringing tar sands to California will drastically undermine the state's efforts to be a global leader in addressing climate disruption.

PLP-03

Respectfully,
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