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Subject: Opposition to the P66 Rail Terminal Project

Dear Mr. Murry,

I am writing this email as a very concerned citizen who recently moved to the Trilogy community in Nipomo, Ca. In making this move (retirement) to a tranquil, beautiful area close to the beach, the sand dunes, the Monarch Habitat and rows upon rows of Eucalyptus trees; I thought I had found paradise. Now I hear there is a proposal to end all of these attributes and put in place an obnoxiously loud, noisy, highly lighted and very dangerous spur to the existing Santa Maria refinery..... which is in Nipomo and only a few hundred feet from the community of Trilogy.

RUB-01

I have read several reports (REIR), articles, and the following is what I understand and why I vehemently OPPOSE this project:

1. Proposed oil trains will be over 1 1/2 miles long, with 80-100+ cars each. Containing approx. 3Million gallons of dangerous, explosive crude oil coming into our area at least 5 days a week.

RUB-02

2. NOISE LEVEL cannot be mitigated and would exceed noise levels allowed

RUB-03

3. VISUAL destruction to all residents along the western side of Trilogy, not only the trains moving in/out, but the excessive Lighting required by the facility will be seen from all elevated sites within Trilogy

RUB-04

4. Violation of RESIDENTIAL ZONING. SLO County had created and zoned the area next to the refinery as a RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY (A-3b AESTHETICS AND VISUAL RESOURCES) of the REIR report. The SLO County planners have encouraged residential growth and master planned the land use and growth of these communities with the expectations of beautiful views, golf courses, a resort hotel and a serene way of life. The area was to become a desirable place to visit, play, live and retire.... not a major 'above ground' thoroughfare to transport dangerous substances.

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5. CLASS 1- AIR POLLUTION. Nipomo air is currently unhealthy, according to health standards (for fine particles.) We have violated state standards 97 times and health standard is 50. The refinery would only exasterbate this problem by adding Crystalline Silica (a known carcinogen), and diesel exhaust a main air pollutant.

RUB-06

6. DANGER of having three (3) million gallons of crude being spilled so close to the coast line, and possibly igniting... which would cause the evacuation of thousands of people and endanger our way of life indefinitely!

RUB-07

7. it is also my understanding that this noxious tar sands crude is more explosive, and toxic than conventional oil and more carbon intensive.

RUB-08

In a time where water is at a premium, I would think we should guard our precious reserve at all costs! As we are using less and less oil these days, I do not understand the need to sacrifice our health, our living conditions, the beauty of our coastlines and the serenity we all cherish simply for the sake of the bottom line for P66.

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Respectfully submitted,
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