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Subject: My P66 Rail Terminal Project Reir Comments

Mr. Murry Wilson: Please find attached pdf copy of my comments on the Phillips 66 Rail Terminal Project and REIR. (See attached file: Nov2 Ltr on P66 Rail Term Comments Scan.pdf)

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Mr. Murry Wilson
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Re: The P66 Rail Terminal Project REIR Comments

Dear Mr. Murry Wilson:

As a SLO County resident, I strongly oppose the proposed Phillips 66 Rail Terminal Project as summarized in the REIR report, and urge the Planning Commission to reject this proposed project.

The proposed Phillips Rail Terminal Project represent a major change in the nature, methods and scale of operations at the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery. This proposed change-over of the facility from a pipeline-fed to a crude oil-by-rail refinery has a major number of unacceptable and un-mitigateable impacts not only to the adjacent Mesa community and SLO County, as well as the entire State of California.

Simply stated, this proposal would introduce for the first time, never seen before risks to the health and safety of county residents:

- A total of 260 crude oil tanker trains entering, unloading and departing per year
- Each train up to 1.5 miles long and weighs an estimated 11,630 tons
- Over a half a billion gallons (561,800,000) of hazardous crude oil traveling through SLO County to the refinery for processing per year.

I would urge the Planning Commission deliberations to carefully consider the following:

- The impact of recent devastating crude oil-by-train accidents, including:
 - Lac-Megantic, Quebec (block leveling explosion, 47 killed, \$1B liability)
 - Casselton, North Dakota (gigantic fireball, forced evacuation)
 - Aliceville, Alabama (extensive pollution of sensitive wetlands)
- Potential Federal Preemption of Local Mitigation requirements
- No Federally-approved train cars for crude oil currently exist
- Inadequate liability insurance coverage for crude oil-by-train accidents
- Inadequate local emergency/disaster management resources

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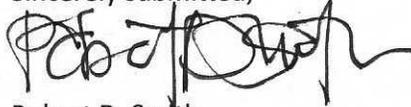
Furthermore, the refinery itself has increasingly become an inappropriate land use along the scenic coastline and is incompatible with the surrounding area land use and development. The refinery's proposed further expansion and change of operations as a heavy industrial use at this point would fly-in-the face of the County's long range vision of a scenic coastline with compatible surrounding area development on the Mesa (i.e., Cypress Ridge, Monarch Dunes, Black Lake, etc)

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I urge you to reject the proposed Phillips 66 Rail Terminal project proposal (i.e.,Crude Oil-by-Train) and REIR. It poses catastrophic risks to the health and safety, and well being of county residents and visitors, and further exacerbates an already inappropriate and incompatible land use on the Mesa and coastline.,

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Sincerely submitted,



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