

November 24, 2014

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San Luis Obispo County  
Department of Planning and Building  
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Subject: P66 Rail Spur Project EIR, Nipomo CA

Dear Mr. Wilson;

I have had the opportunity to review the revised draft environmental impact report for the proposed rail spur to be constructed at the P66 Refinery on the Nipomo Mesa. I have also been made aware of other comments, news articles and commentary on the transportation of oil and other petroleum products by rail and truck tankers across the United States.

WAJ-01

I am writing in support of this project and to acknowledge the conclusions of the DEIR which almost consistently find that the project can mitigate all class one impacts and in some cases reduce the environmental impacts of the existing situation. For example I believe that the approval of the project may accelerate the installation of the vertical access easement imposed on the previous P66 project several years ago.

WAJ-02

It is also important to note that the revised DEIR now addresses the additional concerns expressed during the circulation of the first draft. In effect, there has been a renewed effort to analyze this project including recognition of State and Federal law modifying and improving the safety of rail transport with new regulations and standards for tanker car construction. This project will not result in additional crude oil brought into the refinery but will simplify and reduce the impact of trucking the material.

WAJ-03

I also previously commented on the positive impact on the local economy and jobs. This is a significant factor in the overall analysis that perhaps has not had enough analysis and comment. The County's economy will have a significant boost from this project. I know this is only a local project but I believe it also adds to the principal of energy independence for the nation as a whole.

WAJ-04

In summary, I believe that the document (DEIR) is thorough and complete and provides the decision makers with sufficient information to move ahead with the project and ultimately certify a FEIR.

Thank you for considering these comments and I look forward to the County's decision in this matter.

Sincerely,



John Wallace  
(sent by email)

Cc: Planning Commission  
Board of Supervisors