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Subject: Reject the Phillips 66 oil train proposal

Mr. Murry Wilson
San Luis Obispo County Planning Department

Dear San Luis Obispo decision-makers,

I am writing to encourage you to protect yourselves, your neighbors, and your community from increased crude-by-rail transport by Phillips 66.

I would ask you to consider Santa Maria and Rodeo as a single project. It is clear that Phillips 66 wants to bring toxic Canadian tar sands, the extraction of which is very controversial in Canada, to California. The proposed terminal in Santa Maria would be linked by pipeline to the Phillips 66 refinery in Rodeo, CA. Bringing tar sands to California will undermine the state's efforts to be a global leader addressing climate disruption.

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The current draft EIR omits the best information that we have, which is the newest information: crude rail accidents in 2013 and 2014, when the amount of spilled crude has increased dramatically. The EIR must be current, and include accident data from Canada.

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The draft EIR seems to assume that no more than six tank cars of crude will spill; this is very hard to sync up with the fact that most crude trains have 100 tank cars or more. With the EIR both out-of-date and wildly inaccurate, how can emergency responders know what they might expect.

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The EIR does not address the possibility of a spill near a watershed. The proposed rail route brings oil trains through the San Francisco Bay-Delta watershed and along California's treasured central coast. A derailment near a river, stream, reservoir, or above a groundwater aquifer could contaminate drinking water for millions of Californians, water that is already threatened by our drought.

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Even if there were no accidents, which we cannot assume, volatile toxic chemicals leak out of tank cars into the air, endangering people and communities all along California's rail routes. Phillips 66 itself calls these levels "significant and unavoidable." But you have the power to avoid them.

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Finally, if Phillips 66 will not disclose crude quality information, you will not be able to assess the climate impacts of the proposed rail project.

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Please reject the Phillips 66 proposed rail spur. You'll be glad you did.

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Respectfully yours,