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Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist
County of San Luis Obispo
Department of Planning and Building
976 Osos Street, Room 300
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing to add my firm's support for the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project. We provide Electrical/Instrumentation Construction and Maintenance for the refinery and have been doing so for over 5 years.

As the discussion over the EIR unfolds, there is risk of it becoming a debate over oil refining in general. Local businesses like mine are counting on decision makers to review the EIR on its face and see what we see, that issues associated with the rail project can be addressed by project conditions. It is clear that refinery officials and regulators have worked long and hard to anticipate potential problems, and have revised their plan to minimize or eliminate concerns. ARDC-01

The Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery has time and again shown itself to be a business that takes its responsibility to the community, to employees and to the environment seriously.

I hope you will consider the refinery's far reaching impacts – positive ones — as you review and certify the rail project EIR. I urge support for the project.

Sincerely,

Bill Bryant
Operation Manager
Ardent Companies