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Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing to inform you of my company's support for the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project. We have been providing specialty concrete repair and maintenance to the refinery for 11 years.

As the discussion of the EIR commences, businesses like mine are counting on the decision makers not to turn it into a debate over oil refining, but rather, review the EIR the same way we did, on its face. We realize that any issues associated with the rail project can be addressed by project conditions. I'm confident that the refinery officials and regulators have anticipated potential problems and have worked hard to revise their plan to minimize or eliminate those problems altogether. The evidence of that is shown by the safe environment the refinery provides to its employees, the community and the environment. SGI-01

The certification of the rail project EIR will have a positive impact to the employees of Phillips 66 Santa Maria as well as the community. Not only will it help the refinery to remain viable within its industry but it will allow for up to 50 temporary positions during the construction period with a possibility of adding several new full time operating positions. I support this project and urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Mike Szoke
Branch Manager