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Subject: Opposition to Connoco/Phillips 66 rail spur proposal

Dear Mr. Murry:

I am opposed to the construction of the Phillips 66 rail spur now being considered by the planning commission and Board of Supervisors. There are so many issues that weigh against this project there are too many to list in this email.

My top priority is the air quality that these piles of coke (and the railroad engines) will add to the already worst air pollution in this area. If this includes "tar sands" which has been called "one of the world's dirtiest and most environmentally destructive sources of fuel." I live on the mesa in Nipomo and have been told we have more days that exceed the California toxic air quality than any other area around here. And that is before this new project is put into place.

My other main concern is the safety of these rail cars (and the number of trains and the length of these trains). My understanding is that they are not designed for minimum spills in case of an accident. And the fact that this railroad goes right through Cal Poly, heavy residential and business areas and across a bridge that was built back in the early 1900's. A disaster waiting to happen.

The noise and unsightly rail spur will be seen and heard from highway 1.

And how is this supposed to get us off dependence of oil in the U.S.? I assume they plan to ship it to other countries. Profit seems to be driving this project.

I would prefer a pipeline rather than trucks or railway cars.

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