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Mr. Murry Wilson

Dear Mr. Wilson,

We are extremely concerned about the proposed crude-by-rail project at the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery. This project presents significant and unacceptable risks to communities across California.

SCG-01

The toxic air emissions resulting from these rail shipments, which would travel daily through many California communities, create an unacceptable risk to public health.

SCG-02

These communities and their emergency responders are not prepared for these hazardous trains and current safety standards are not adequate to protect the public.

SCG-03

The recirculated DEIR is inadequate: it uses outdated information and does not adequately assess the risks of disaster of an oil train carrying millions of gallons of explosive crude oil.

SCG-04

The EIR must also fully analyze the potential worst-case scenario of a spill near each of the many watersheds crossed en route to the Santa Maria refinery, including the San Francisco Bay-Delta watershed and California's central coast. A derailment near a river, stream, reservoir, or above a groundwater aquifer could contaminate drinking water for millions of Californians. During a time of extreme drought, SLO must not approve this project and create contamination risk for the rest of our state.

SCG-05

The climate impacts of Canadian tar sands crude must also be taken into account. Tar sands are more carbon intensive than any other source of oil, and bringing tar sands to California will hugely set back our state's efforts to address climate change.

SCG-06

Please examine the Santa Maria and Rodeo proposals as a single project. The proposed oil train terminal in Santa Maria is linked by pipeline to the Phillips 66 refinery in Rodeo, CA. Phillips 66 is proposing to modify these facilities to allow them to refine tar sands, thus creating more toxic air and water pollution for families along the rail line and near the Santa Maria refinery. San Luis Obispo cannot approve the Santa Maria project in isolation.

SCG-07

We implore the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to reject the Phillips 66 proposed rail spur because it creates significant, unavoidable, and unnecessary risks for our communities, our economy, our health and safety, and our climate.

SCG-08

Thank you. We are counting on you. (We live in Tulare County and regularly vacation in SLO County; we got married there, too. Please protect SLO County!)

Sincerely,

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