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Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have a unique perspective on the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project. Not only have I worked at the refinery for the last 32 years, but I grew up on the Nipomo Mesa. I attended Nipomo Elementary School, Dana Middle School, Crown Hill High School, and I am an Arroyo Grande High School graduate. I would like to add that my oldest son also works at the Refinery and before retiring, my dad picked up asphalt to be used at Vandenberg AFB.

I have the benefit of many perspectives and they all lead to the same conclusion, the refinery is good for the community. The Refinery provides good jobs, is a great neighbor and a longtime business that has a great safety record and needs to keep operating.

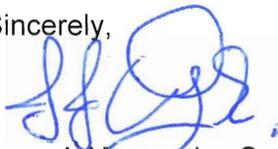
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The draft EIR spells out the way issues like noise and lights can be managed. With these points taken care of, there is no reason to deny the application.

I hope you will rise above the emotional and political debate and see the facts that the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery's request for a rail spur is reasonable and should be approved.

Certifying the EIR is a great first step.

Sincerely,



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