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Subject: Comments on the Philips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project  
EIR

I would like to make the following comments on the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project.

Please ensure that environmental impacts are calculated for the entire county based on increased rail usage throughout the county. The executive summary says each train will be made up of 3 locomotives and up to 5 trains a week can be expected.

As more oil trains are traveling through our county the impacts of pollution and noise need to be investigated. As you are probably aware, the rail lines travel directly through densely populated areas including the cities of San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, and Arroyo Grande. The rail lines also pass through several unincorporated communities. The inhabitants of these communities and cities will have to endure increased pollution from locomotives impacting both air quality and noise. These impacts should be accounted for in the EIR.

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As I read the sections of the EIR that look at Air Quality and Noise, they seem to only study the impacts that are directly around the rail spur project itself. I believe this to be an error and impacts should be calculated on the estimated number of additional locomotives running oil tankers through the county that this project will facilitate. If you run a diesel locomotive through the County, with helper engines at the Cuesta Grade, that suddenly becomes a very high number for particulate and other harmful pollution that this EIR makes no mention of.

Does the County or any of the Cities have the authority to control WHEN these trains can travel through the area? Can the times be limited to the working hours of the day? Can we expect these trains to rumble through our neighborhoods at any hour? Can we force them to use cleaner, state of the art locomotives?

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Thank you for your consideration.

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