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Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist
County of San Luis Obispo
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976 Osos Street, Room 300
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have lived and worked in San Luis Obispo County for years. The Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery has been quietly doing its job for 60 years, and what I have observed is a business that operates safely and with respect for our community. The refinery managers connect with our community to keep us informed. They welcome our questions and address our concerns. I have friends who work at the refinery and I know personally that the commitment and caring extends to every staff member.

The refinery today needs to change its operations slightly in order to continue to operate efficiently. While every business has to adapt to changing market conditions to survive, not every one's changes are subject to the scrutiny the refinery is managing. The draft EIR is thorough and addresses every detail of the project.

The refinery is more than just an oil facility. It is important to South County and to the Central Coast in general. I believe in a 60 year track record of sound operations, coupled with an EIR indicates that the project is manageable. I support the rail project request.

Sincerely,

Rob Miller, P.E.
Principal Engineer

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