



Office of the Mayor

November 20, 2014

San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors  
The Honorable Bruce Gibson, Chair  
The Honorable Frank Mecham, Vice-Chair  
The Honorable Adam Hill, District 3  
The Honorable Caren Ray, District 4  
The Honorable Debbie Arnold, District 5  
1055 Monterey Street, Room D-170  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**RE: Proposed Phillips 66 Santa Maria Rail Spur Project, DEIR Comment Period Extension Needed**

Dear San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors,

I am respectfully requesting that the County of San Luis Obispo extend the Recirculated DEIR comment period for the proposed Phillips 66 Santa Maria Rail Spur Project for at least an additional 30 days. The proposed project would allow the facility to receive hazardous crude oil shipments, passing through our communities, adjacent to high density residential and commercial properties.

A review period of only 45 days is very unusual for a document of this complexity. In this case, the document has not just been revised but is for a completely new project. In order for the public to have adequate time to review this document, I request an additional 30 days at the very least. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Bates".

Mayor Tom Bates

Cc: Julie Rodewald, County Clerk-Recorder

BERK-01

## Responses to City of Berkeley Comments

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BERK-01	<p>The County determined that a 45-day comment period for review of the RDEIR was appropriate since this was a revised draft, and the original DEIR had been circulated for a 60-day public comment period. The public review period for a draft EIR shall not be less than 30 days nor should it be longer than 60 days except under unusual circumstances. When a draft EIR is submitted to the State Clearinghouse for review by state agencies, the public review period shall not be less than 45 days, unless a shorter period, not less than 30 days, is approved by the State Clearinghouse (CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(a)).</p>
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