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Subject: Opposition to the P66 Rail Terminal Project

Mr. Murry Wilson, SLO Planning Department

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Last week Vicki and I were fortunate to attend a 2 hour, well researched program at Trilogy Monarch Dunes in opposition to the P66 rail terminal project. We are new to this area having just moved from Camano Island, Washington, after deciding to make the central coast our home and buying in Trilogy Monarch Dunes on the Nipomo Mesa. PET-01

The facts, presented and discussed at this meeting have spurred us to write in opposition to the consideration of this project. Just learning about the over 100+ days that the Nipomo Mesa has violated the clean air standards this year in the current state of operation, makes any additional air pollution from above-ground transportation and support equipment reason for concern. Although some of the poor air quality is due to blowing sand/dust generated from the dunes, we do know that the current P66 plant is producing pollutants as we can see the black smoke at times and smell the off gasses and have seen the printed instrumented data. PET-02

We are concerned that we might have chosen an undesirable area to retire for our golden years due to the potential effects of increased train traffic, oil rail cars off gassing when unloading, noise and light pollution, and a general degradation of SLO county as a place for retirement. PET-03

All it takes is one mishap concerning these oil trains anywhere in the county and you will lose people like us moving to the central coast as it is not a healthy environment for future residents. In addition, our property values will plummet.

We urge you to decline this proposal to protect air quality from additional degradation and the quality of life for current and future residents of SLO county. PET-04

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad

Responses to Tom and Vicki Perry Comments

PET-01	This comment does not identify a specific environmental analysis or CEQA issue relative to the EIR and compliance with CEQA. No further response is required.
PET-02	A study performed by the SLOCAPCD, the South County Phase 2 Particulate Study, evaluated whether impacts from off-road vehicle activities at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreational Area (ODSVRA), the Phillips Refinery coke piles, and adjacent agricultural fields were contributing to the particulate problems on the Nipomo Mesa (SLOC APCD 2010). The Phase 2 portion of the study concluded that off-road vehicle activity in the ODSVRA is a major contributing factor to the PM concentrations observed on the Nipomo Mesa and that neither the petroleum coke piles at the Phillips facility nor agricultural fields or activities in and around the area are a significant source of ambient PM on the Nipomo Mesa. The composition of the particulates is predominately natural crustal particles. The SLOCAPCD has determined that the dune complex along the coast of the Five Cities area is the source of the high particulate matter levels measured at the South Coast stations (SLOCAPCD Annual Emissions Report, 2013). The SMR has a coke dust plan to reduce coke dust and it does involve watering. However, the proposed Project is not anticipated to increase coke handling or contribute to dust particulate levels in the area. The SMR does emit pollutants and these are currently regulated and monitored by the SLOCAPCD. The Throughput EIR required that an odor monitoring program be put in place to manage odors from the SMR.
PET-03 and PET-04	This comment does not identify a specific environmental analysis or CEQA issue relative to the EIR and compliance with CEQA. The commenter's concerns about traffic, noise, aesthetics and visual resources, air quality and health are included in the FEIR for the decision-makers' consideration as part of the County's deliberations on the proposed project.