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Subject: We must not allow the expansion of the Phillips 66 Refinery in coastal San Luis Obispo County!
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If this project is approved by our San Luis Obispo County Supervisors, we will have given up our only opportunity for oversight of this project. Under Federal law, the railroads are virtually autonomous from local and state regulation of their operations. Union Pacific does not have to disclose the contents of their rail cars, even if they are transporting hazardous materials

PIC-01

The railroad tracks transit many of the most heavily populated areas of our beautiful county. from north to south. Butterfly preserves. wetlands, coastal strand, beaches and riparian habitats are some of the critical environmental areas bordered by these old tracks.

The addition of extremely heavy, over-sized tanker cars full of 10 Million Gallons of oil on these tracks in our beautiful county is simply a risk we should not permit!

PIC-02

Just because the mistake of siting this oil refinery on our magnificent SLO coastline was made 60 years ago. it is not necessary to compound the situation by allowing such a bad decision as is now being considered.

Please act to preserve our magnificent county!

Thank you,

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Responses to Carol Pillsbury Comments

PIC-01	SLO County would have legal oversight of all of the rail activities at the SMR. It is possible that SLO County could be preempted by federal law for regulating the UPRR operations on the mainline tracks. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has regulatory authority on the mainline rail routes along with the California Public Utilities Commission.
PIC-02	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 biological resources, hazards, and other environmental impacts are included in the FEIR for the decision-makers' consideration as part of the County's deliberations on the proposed project.