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Subject: We oppose the P66 Rail Terminal Project

Mr Murry Wilson
SLO County Planning Dept.

Dear Mr Wilson:

My wife and I live in Nipomo and we have concluded that the Phillips 66 proposed Rail Spur's negative impact on our South County community and the larger SLO community far exceeds any positive impact of the project beyond the boundaries of the Company.

RAM-01

We are very concerned about safety along with air and noise pollution for the entire SLO county, not just the south county area, starting with the Cuesta grade. The proposed mile-long trains of oil tankers arriving and leaving twice daily will add nothing to the quality of life in SLO and the potential for disaster is, as we see it, elevated to an unacceptable level.

RAM-02

Oil by rail may have a place in remote areas, but not, in our judgment, along the rail route thru CUESTA GRADE, SLO, CAL POLY, PISMO. ARROYO GRANDE, and NIPOMO. Any accident such as a derailment, spill, or explosion could be catastrophic for the environment and or anyone involved, or even remotely near an accident.

And in Nipomo, the added miles of train tracks, locomotives and other machines required to make the rail spur functional in off-loading oil from hundreds of tank cars from two-a-day, mile-long trains will add significant air and noise pollution to the south county. Spills, fires and explosions are an inevitable part of the oil business. The costs are significant in terms of quality of life, safety, etc.

RAM-03

Example: The County Board of Supervisors is hearing a request on January 22 from Unocal66 to change their hauling route from the assigned, commercial route to a rural, residential route in order to remove 10,000 truck loads of contaminated soil from their Guadalupe site. Ten thousand trucks in 2 years making round trips is a lot of activity for any road. The noise, air pollution and truck traffic on Willow road will become intolerable and more dangerous than it already has become. All this due to an accidental spill years ago!!

RAM-04

Please put the SLO community safety, health and well-being ahead of the oil company's desire to grow their business using oil by rail instead of their pipeline and vote to DENY the Rail Spur project

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Responses to Mark Randall and Elizabeth Ewing Comments

RAM-01	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 health, noise, air pollution, traffic and hazards are included in the FEIR for the decision-makers' consideration as part of the County's deliberations on the proposed project.
RAM-02	The RDEIR addresses the potential impacts and recommends mitigation measures for the proposed Project consistent with the requirements of CEQA. Section 4.3 (Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases) addresses GHG emissions, criteria air emissions and health risks. The EIR concludes that emissions of criteria, GHG and toxic pollutants would exceed the SLOCAPCD thresholds and would be a significant impact. Accident risks were determined to be significant in section 4.7 of the EIR. Noise impacts, with mitigation, we determined to be less than significant.
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RAM-04	This comment is about the Guadalupe Trucking application to the County, which is one of the cumulative projects evaluated in the RDEIR. No further response is required.