



**AIR POLLUTION
CONTROL DISTRICT**
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO



NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

To: Interested Parties

Date: June 8, 2010

Project: ConocoPhillips Santa Maria Refinery Throughput Increase Project

Applicant: ConocoPhillips

Location: 2555 Willow Rd, Arroyo Grande, 93420

Description: ConocoPhillips proposes to increase the throughput at their Santa Maria Refinery by 10% and allow previously refined petroleum liquids (gas/oil) to be transported by truck to the Santa Maria Pump Station from Bakersfield and mixed with the crude oil. Semi-refined petroleum products are then shipped by pipeline from the Santa Maria Refinery to the Rodeo Refinery in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Environmental Impact Report is being prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed changes to the refinery operations.

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Lead Agencies: The San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building will be the Joint Review Panel serving as co-lead agencies under CEQA and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project [14 California Code of Regulations section 15051(d)].

The purpose of this Notice of Preparation/Notice of Public Scoping Meeting is to obtain agency and the public's views as to the scope and content of the environmental information and analysis that should be included in the EIR. An NOP had been previously issued for this Project that has since been modified by ConocoPhillips, resulting in the reissuance of the NOP. The SCH # for this Project is 20081010111.

The project description, location, and potential environmental effects are discussed in the Notice of Preparation, which is available on the SLOAPCD website at

<http://www.slocleanair.org> and at the SLO County Planning and Building website at www.sloplanning.org. The Notice of Preparation is also available the Nipomo Library, the South County Library and the SLO City/County Library.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be submitted to the APCD by Friday, July 9, 2010. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:

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Pursuant to Section 15083, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, the APCD and County will also conduct a Public Scoping Meeting for the proposed project to discuss the proposal and receive oral testimony in advance of the NOP comment period due date. The meeting is set for:

Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Cypress Ridge Pavilion (1050 Cypress Ridge Parkway, Arroyo Grande)

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the Notice of Preparation mailed to you, please contact Aeron Arlin Genet at the above address or phone.