

July 9, 2008

Dr. Ralph G. Appy,  
Director of Environmental Management □  
Port of Los Angeles

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Los Angeles District □ Regulatory Division  
c/o Spencer D. MacNeil D.Env. □  
ATTN: CESPL-RG-2004-00917-SDM □

Via Email: [cegacomments@portla.org](mailto:cegacomments@portla.org)

Dear Gentlemen:

As a community activist who has devoted much of my time to the protection and cleanup of our urban waterways, I am always concerned about how new port projects will affect the water quality of San Pedro Bay. After reviewing the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Study, I am pleased that the project proposed by Plains All American Pipeline LP takes steps to protect the environment through mitigation measures that will help to prevent accidents from occurring.

As the SEIR/SEIS clearly points out, a catastrophic spill could have a devastating effect on the water quality of San Pedro Bay. Although the risk of such spills is rare, it is unpredictable. Therefore, I believe that the following mitigations are most appropriate to reduce the likelihood of a spill:

Double-Hulled Tanker requirement MM RISK 2.1a. Since the tragedy of the Exxon Valdez, the danger of single hull tankers has been apparent. Requiring double hull tankers at the facility is a commonsense measure.

Quick Release Couplings- MM RISK 2.1b. The ability to stop the flow of oil almost immediately in the event of a malfunction will help to contain the risk of discharge into the water.

Containment Booms- MM WQ-1.2. The required inspection and cleanup of contaminants prior to releasing of the containment boom will help keep the berthing area free of minor discharges and trash that could accumulate near the tanker.

While not part of the Mitigation Measures, these two project features significantly reduce the risk of discharge into the water:

Containment Dikes- The use of containment dikes that could hold the full quantity of oil stored in the event of a tank rupture or leak is adequate to mitigate the risk.

Project Location- The siting of the facility at the southwest corner of Pier 400 ensures ease of transit to the Berth. The minimal maneuvering required to enter and leave the facility reduces the potential risk.

In closing, let me state that as an individual I am completely in support of the certification of the environmental documents and the approval of the project by the Port of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Cathy Beauregard  
Co Chair Water Quality Committee  
Port Community Advisory Committee  
673 W. 20th St #3  
San Pedro, CA 90731  
424-772-6293