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Dear Board of Supervisors,

This is a comment in regards to the ExxonMobil proposal to restart the three oil platforms and to truck the oil along route 101. This proposal is fatally flawed, extremely risky: PLEASE UPHOLD THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS DENIAL. As a local resident and frequent visitor to the beaches along the Gaviota Coast, I am extremely concerned about this proposal, and heartily encourage you to deny it.

Use of the existing pipeline has already proven to be dangerous, as the corrosion has already resulted in catastrophic spills. The Plains Pipeline Refugio spill still rings in my memory. For years after this spill (which was caused by blatant neglect) I encountered remnant patches of oil, and personally witnessed damage to beaches and wildlife; from Refugio to El Capitan all the way down to Naples. The clean up efforts from this spill were subpar, and they show the lack of respect that the industry has for our beautiful coastline.

The proposal to increase trucking of oil along that same stretch of the 101 is simply not worth the risk, and it must be denied. Sadly, the industry has proven their failure to provide adequate safety measures (just review the Plains Pipeline event for a prime example), and this proposal must be firmly denied.

Sincerely,

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