



WEEKLY REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW (“Courtesy Notice”)

The purpose of the environmental review process is to provide information about the environmental effects of the actions and decisions made by the County, so that these considerations become a part of the decision-making process. The following is a summary of the most recent determinations made by the County’s Environmental Coordinator; these weekly Courtesy Notices can be viewed online at slocounty.ca.gov/CourtesyNotice. The purpose of this listing is to notify the public of pending actions, which may affect the environment of San Luis Obispo County. You are invited to participate in this process by reviewing and providing comments on the recommendations of the Environmental Coordinator. Your comments should be addressed to the Environmental Coordinator (address at end of document). For more information about the environmental review process, please visit: slocounty.ca.gov/EnvironmentalReview

For the week of May 1, 2023 – May 5, 2023 *(click each individual project title to view the documents on our [CSS Portal](#))*

Document Items:

- A. Proposed Negative Declarations
- B. Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) & Notice of EIR Scoping Meetings

A. Proposed Negative Declarations

A Negative Declaration is issued for projects that would not result in significant effects on the environment. In many cases, the project applicant has added mitigation measures to the project to reduce environmental impacts in order to qualify for a Negative Declaration. If you disagree with the issuance of a proposed Negative Declaration, you may provide comments or file a Request for Review (appeal) of the Negative Declaration. Requests for Review must be filed within two weeks of the date that the proposed Negative Declaration is posted and must address only environmental issues. There is a fee for the request. If you would like more information about this process, please contact the Environmental Coordinator.

1. Mitigated Negative Declaration

[Battenburg, Variance and Minor Use Permit \(N-DRC2023-00005/N-DRC2021-00022\)](#)

SCH Number: [2023050076](#)

A request by Miranda and John Battenburg for a Variance and Minor Use Permit to allow construction of a 3,216-square-foot single-family residence, 1,125-square-foot garage, 144-square-foot covered porch, 1,728-square-foot entry courtyard, 1,523-square-foot patio, 160-square-foot pool, 100-square-foot tower porch, and associated improvements including water tanks, utilities, and driveway access. The driveway will occur on slopes in excess of 30%, and the project will result in approximately 2.03 acres of site disturbance on a 9.02-acre parcel. The proposed project is located 0 Villa Lots Road Paso Robles (APN 018-011-017), approximately 0.5 miles north of the city of Paso Robles. The project parcel is zoned Residential Rural (RR) by the County of San Luis Obispo and is within the North County Planning Area and Salinas River Sub Area.



B. Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) & Notice of EIR Scoping Meetings

1. Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Demolition and Remediation Project

SCH Number: [2023050020](#)

This is a notice for solicitation of agency, organization, and public input and initiation of scoping for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Demolition and Remediation Project (SMR Demolition Project or the "Project").

San Luis Obispo County (County) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the preparation and review of the SMR Demolition Project EIR. Pursuant to Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the County is soliciting the views of responsible, trustee, and interested agencies, organizations, and individuals on the scope and content of the environmental analysis in the EIR. Agencies should comment on the elements of the scope and content of the EIR that are relevant to the agencies' statutory responsibilities, as provided under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b). A summary of the Project and environmental effects that may result from implementation are provided below. Additionally, information about the SMR Demolition Project may be accessed via the County's website: [Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Demolition and Remediation Project - County of San Luis Obispo \(ca.gov\)](#)

Comment Period: Written comments or questions regarding the scope and content of the EIR can be sent anytime during the Notice of Preparation (NOP) public comment period. The comment period begins May 4, 2023, and ends June 5, 2023 (30 days) at 5:00 p.m. Please include the name of the contact person for your agency or organization, if applicable. Please send all comments via U.S. mail or email to:

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Decommissioning Project Manager
San Luis Obispo County
Department of Planning and Building
976 Osos St. #300, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Email: p66refinery@co.slo.ca.us
Subject Line: SMR Demolition Project
NOP Comments

Scoping Meetings: The County will hold two virtual scoping meetings using Zoom, and one in person meeting (presented at a local venue), to give the agencies, organizations, and the public an opportunity to learn about the Project, to ask questions regarding the Project, and provide oral comments on the scope and content of the EIR. These meetings will be transcribed and posted on the County's website (see link above) for later viewing. Each meeting will include the same presentation. Comments received at each meeting will become part of the public record for the Project.

The meeting times and login details are as follows (see next page):



Table with 2 columns: Saturday May 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Includes Zoom links and phone numbers for both sessions, and an 'In person' section for the Wednesday 7:00 p.m. session.

Description of Proposed Project

Phillips 66 intends to demolish and remediate the site of the Santa Maria Refinery, which includes oil processing facilities spanning approximately 245 acres located at 2555 Willow Road (State Route 1) in an unincorporated area of San Luis Obispo County within the Coastal Zone, approximately five miles west of U.S. Highway 101.

- Demolition of buildings and refinery structures to ground level;
Segregation and stockpiling of demolition materials; and
Loading and hauling of demolition materials by truck and rail to offsite facilities and landfills for proper handling, management, or disposal.

Belowground demolition and remediation will begin in individual sub-areas as the aboveground demolition is completed in those sub-areas. The main activities during belowground demolition and remediation include:

- Site characterization to determine areas of contamination and soil remediation (soil clean up);
Soil remediation (soil excavation, stockpiling, testing, and offsite hauling);
Removal of belowground infrastructure not supporting retained facilities (e.g., roads parking areas);
Grading and restoration of impacted land; and
Restoration monitoring

Conventional demolition and remediation equipment will be used. Aboveground demolition is anticipated to take place over a period of six to eight months. Existing access, staging, and material stockpiling areas on site will be used.

Belowground demolition will be initiated following characterization of soil conditions and excavation of impacted soil in one area at a time, after completion of aboveground demolition in that area. Belowground demolition will include excavation and removal of concrete sub-structures and other



belowground infrastructure. Hardscapes (concrete, asphalt, compacted base/gravel, or asphalt emulsion coating) may remain for potential future development by others where ground disturbance is not required for belowground demolition or remediation.

The timing, sequence, and duration of belowground demolition and remediation will vary within each functional area depending on site conditions. A substantial amount of the remediation work will be completed in the first three years. Remediation will likely continue, but at a slower pace, over additional years (potentially up to 10 years), to finalize remediation depending on site conditions and work plans.

Impacted soil will be remediated to a level that meets applicable risk-based industrial standards in a cost-effective manner. Impacted soil will be excavated and stockpiled onsite at an existing rail spur, loaded into rail cars, and then hauled by rail to an approved landfill. For planning purposes, it is assumed that a small percentage of the waste soil, and potentially other wastes such as asbestos, will be hauled by truck to a regional waste management facility such as Waste Management, located at 56533 Highway 58 West in McKittrick. Asphalt and concrete that is removed during demolition will be crushed and reused onsite.

Demolition and remediation activities will occur within the refinery fence line. No physical work is planned on the contiguous parcels owned by Phillips 66 or on other parcels. Outside the refinery fence line, a bundle of pipelines (8-inch gas fuel line, 8-inch oil line, and 4-inch diluent line) that extends approximately 1,200 feet southwesterly from the western fence line to the Phillips 66 property line will be abandoned in place. This area is a designated sensitive habitat. The lines were previously nitrogen purged and capped in compliance with regulatory requirements. Therefore, these pipelines are already abandoned and safe, and no additional demolition efforts are needed.

Disposition of offsite pipelines is not a part of the Project. The existing Common Carrier pipelines will continue to be regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the California Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Potential future uses of the SMR site are unknown and are speculative at this time; therefore, future uses of the site are not considered as part of the Project. Facilities that would remain in place per regulatory authorities (for groundwater monitoring wells, for example) or for potential future use include:

- Rail spurs;
- Truck scale;
- Main substation and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) power poles and lines to the substation;
- Perimeter security fencing and solar-powered perimeter lighting;
- Guard shacks;
- Groundwater production wells #2, #4, #5 and #6 (used for potable water, fire water, and industrial water at the SMR);
- Groundwater monitoring wells;
- Slop oil line release remediation system (remediation is in progress under separate permit);
- Pig receivers/launcher at north boundary for maintenance of off-site pipelines;
- Maintenance roads for maintenance of remaining facilities;



- Hardscapes (concrete, asphalt, compacted base/gravel, or asphalt emulsion coating) beyond 100 feet of County-designated sensitive habitat where ground disturbance is not required for belowground demolition or remediation;
- Wastewater outfall line;
- Natural gas lines and crude and product lines (four lines total); these lines will remain in place from the pig receiver/launcher to the property line; and
- Belowground pipelines (former 8-inch gas fuel line, 8-inch oil line, and 4-inch diluent line) previously abandoned in place in an approximately 1,200-foot segment extending southwesterly from within the refinery fence line near the wastewater treatment plant to the Phillips 66 property line.

Phillips 66 will continue to manage any structures that will remain onsite. After demolition and remediation/restoration, activities will be limited to site restoration and general maintenance of the remaining facilities.

Pursuant to Appendix G of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, the EIR will consider Alternatives, Cumulative Effects, and Growth Inducement. No decisions have been made at this time, and all determinations about the Project will be included in the EIR after these issues are thoroughly analyzed. The County invites interested parties, and all affected, responsible, and trustee agencies, to suggest specific areas of analysis to be addressed within these general categories, or other issues not included above, to be considered in the EIR.