

This project is critical to maintain the orderly and economic delivery of petroleum to the Los Angeles Basin. California is running out of its conventional supplies of crude oil, and even with ongoing conservation efforts, the Los Angeles area alone will need twice as much oil by 2015. To attract new sources from around the world, we must have the infrastructure to accept these imports. The project will provide at least 25 percent of the oil we need in this region.

It is important to keep in mind that as critical as this project is for our economy, it is being planned in the most environmentally responsible manner possible. The project is highly mitigated and meets many stringent environmental requirements and objectives, including those of the Port's Clean Air Action Plan. It will be one of most efficient, least polluting facilities of its kind in the world, setting a new global standard. The project also incorporates state-of-the-art security and safety technology. This commitment needs to be recognized – good projects like Pier 400, Berth 408 should be encouraged by our community.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to approve the Pier 400, Berth 408 project, and thus ensure the continued prosperity of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P.

Sincerely,



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