

Testimony of Larry Keller

Public Hearing  
Proposed Plains All American Pier 400 Oil Terminal  
Port of Los Angeles  
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Good evening, Colonel Magness and Corps and Port of Los Angeles staffs. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

My name is Larry Keller. I am President of the International Business Association of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce. My employer is Kennedy/Jenks Consultants.

I am here tonight to speak in support of the Pier 400 Liquid Bulk Petroleum Terminal.

Many have spoken of the need for a new oil terminal in the Los Angeles Basin to continue to supply our energy needs as well as to provide jobs. More than that, however, this is the right terminal in the right place with the right features to do the job efficiently.

Being located just inside the breakwater at Pier 400, it is a short and safe run in to the deep channel and berth with a minimum of maneuvering for the ships.

The ability of the terminal to berth VLCC's –Very Large Crude Carriers-means that more oil is delivered on fewer ships. This again is important to safety and the environment.

This latter point is very important. Coming, as it does on the heels of the Port's Clean Air Action Plan, the project has committed to unprecedented measures to limit air emissions during navigation and off-loading.

The commitment to achieve this through the use of AMP-cold ironing-and possibly AMECS' bonnet-on-the-stack technology is a first-ever effort to deal with tanker air emissions on non-dedicated routes.

The benefits to our air and to our health are enormous and I applaud the Port and Plains All-American for their hard work and commitment to bring this about.

I strongly encourage you to proceed with this project.

Thank you.