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Gene Seroka, Executive Director, POLA  
Via Email

Austin Beutner, Superintendent of LAUSD  
Via Email

Re: Rancho LPG Facility in San Pedro, Calif.

Dear Representatives,

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the Governor of California, Mayor of Los Angeles, Port of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Unified School District each take steps to ensure that the various risks posed by the operation of the Rancho LPG storage facility are re-evaluated, and that the Governor and Mayor ensure that such renewed efforts are coordinated with the appropriate California state and local agencies, commissions, the California Legislature, and the relevant federal departments and agencies.

The following items should be considered for immediate action:

1. The conversion of the existing temporary month-to-month Westmont rail-spur operating agreement to a long-term lease with all the terms of such an agreement including a new risk assessment.
2. The amendment of the operating agreement and rail spur permit to reflect the transport of hazardous material.

3. The amendment of the operating agreement and rail spur permit to include insurance commensurate with the risk for that use considering its dangerous nature in close proximity to a dense population and the fair market value of property assets subject to harm from an accident.
4. The hiring of a consultant by LAUSD to prepare the required safety studies for the schools near the Rancho LPG facility, including an evacuation plan and reasonable mitigation measures.

If you have any questions related to this letter, please contact Richard Havenick, Chair of the Sustainability Committee at 310-832-8070.

Sincerely,



Doug Epperhart, President  
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

- cc. Los Angeles City Council
- cc. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- cc. California State Lands Commission
- cc. California Coastal Commission
- cc. Mark Ghilarducci, Director Cal Office of Emergency Services
- cc. California Geological Survey
- cc. U.S. Geological Survey, Pasadena field office
- cc. California Public Utilities Commission
- cc. Board of Harbor Commissioners, POLA
- cc. LAUSD School Board
- cc. Joe Buscaino, Councilman, 15th District
- cc. Janice Hahn, Supervisor, 4th District
- cc. Aram Sahakain, LA City Emergency Management Department General Manager
- cc. Ralph Terrazas, LA City Fire Chief
- cc. Ron Galperin, LA City Controller
- cc. Rancho Palos Verdes City Council
- cc. Mario Cordero, Executive Director, Port of Long Beach
- cc. Board of Harbor Commissioners, Port of Long Beach
- cc. Patrick O'Donnell, 70th California State Assembly District
- cc. Nanette Barragan, U.S. House of Representatives, California 44th District
- cc. Ted Lieu, U.S. House of Representative, California 33rd District
- cc. Alan Lowenthal, House of Representatives, California 47th District
- cc. Pacific Harbor Rail Line