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From: Paula Rotondi [mailto:perotondi@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 3:05 PM
To: Council
Subject: Emergency Moratorium

Dear County Council Members,

I urge you to please vote to approve extending the interim moratorium ordinance prohibiting the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new or expanded facilities with a primary purpose of shipping unrefined fossil fuels not to be processed at Cherry Point.

The moratorium gives Council and the public time to study and develop actions leading to a healthier, and therefore more prosperous, future for our county, while also preventing our refinery workers' jobs from being shipped overseas.

Fossil fuel facilities pose acute and chronic threats to public health and safety - ranging from ongoing releases of dangerous chemicals into our air and water - to ships, pipelines, and trains leaking, spilling, exploding and catching fire. Although the chronic ill effects of breathing polluted air, or exposure to polluted water are cumulative and may take years to manifest as cancer, heart attacks, asthma or other health problems - they are equally or even more damaging to community health and safety than a sudden explosion. Some Council members seem to focus primarily on the dangers of trains while ignoring the serious dangers posed by pipelines and ships - perhaps because the pipelines and ships are out of sight and hence out of mind. Please remember that our county, state and region already have had ships spill hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil into our waters - polluting, harming and driving some sea life toward extinction; and we've already had pipelines leak, pollute, explode, and, worst of all, kill three of our children. And while we are wise in our earthquake/tsunami prone region to prepare for emergencies, it would be extremely foolish to escalate the scale of a catastrophe by permitting even more fossil fuel projects that may rupture, explode and burn.

History and scientific facts fully document that fossil fuel laden ships, trains and pipelines, and storage facilities endanger our lives, our health, our environment and the safety of our communities. I thank you for your previous votes in support of the emergency moratorium and urge you to please vote again to extend it.

Sincerely,

Paula Rotondi