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Commissioners:

I attended last evenings hearings regarding the Cherry Point Plan changes. The wait was too long for me to stay to speak as I would have been #100 plus in line. I have a job and a family and need sleep. I would like to submit a few thoughts on the subject.

I work for Western Refinery Services at the P66 Refinery. I am assigned to assist the environmental department with haz. Waste etc. As such I have a first hand witness to what goes on out here. I have been quite amazed at the high standards the refinery is held to regarding waste, water, air and more. I am impressed. Waste wise we are governed by RCRA rules, a government Act. Most of my work has to do with keeping us in compliance. We have a very good record. Millions of dollars are spent handling haz waste in an environmental friendly way.

Some are convinced we are damaging the environment. If wildlife is any indication, we have, inside the confines of the refinery (its all fenced), deer, eagles, osprey, blue heron, coyotes and more. All appear to be healthy and happy to be here. I have seen our native brethren fishing and crabbing within a couple hundred feet of our dock. Hardly destroying the environment.

I would like to add—I think you should beware of fanatical frenzy. The climate change people have got the earth destroyed already with no one able to live on it. Their solutions are far worse than the “problem”. A case in point on fanatical frenzy; My forbears fled the Bloshevik Revolution in Russia (I am eternally thankful). Mr Lenin and friends had a “solution” to the problems. The solutions were a thousand times worse than the problems (my great grand parents died of starvation in slave labor camps-all part of the solution). Millions of others suffered the same fate. History has shown their folly for what it was. Please do not fall victim to the same thing.

Finally, Almighty God (Our Heavenly Father) made a promise to Noah, “...while the earth remain, there will be seed time and harvest, summer and winter, hot and cold...”. That settles it for me. Shackling industry with an over abundance of regulations, and threatening jobs could create human pain and suffering unnecessarily. Please do not go down that road.

Thank you

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