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I did attend the hearing on Sept 12 and spoke but I am also submitting my comments via email.

As a life long resident of South Jersey (67 years) and a resident of the river communities for over 45 years, I remember the impact of several oil spills and even an explosion along the river at facilities that were supposed to be SAFE! They had all their permits and inspections.

I remember very vividly when almost 45 years ago the oil tanker Corinthos that was safely moored and unloading oil exploded. The explosion and fire killed twenty-five sailors and dockworkers, burned for days, devastated the neighborhood and occupied the efforts of three dozen fire companies. The black smoke that billowed from the fire blew over South Jersey, poisoned our air, burned our eyes and throats and sickened people whose health was already compromised with asthma and other breathing disorders.

Just outside of *Philadelphia* on November 26, 2004, an *oil* tanker safely moving up the Delaware River unknowingly ripped its hull on an anchor hidden on the river bottom. This released more than 263,000 gallons of heavy *oil* into an industrialized stretch of the Delaware River. BUT The tide carried the oil up the Big Timber, Woodbury and Mantua creeks, fouling the banks and killing fish and other wildlife.

More recently, the derailment of a Conrail train that fouled the air and water and sickened many residents

Most recently, a massive explosion rocked the Philadelphia energy Solutions Refining Complex along the Schuylkill River. We don't need to add any more risk to life in the river towns. We deserve better.

I call on our legislators and policy makers to pursue clean industries for South Jersey, especially along the river. We don't need dangerous fossil fuels based industries.

We deserve better.

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