

# USDG FUEL TRANSFER STATION: BAD FOR NATIONAL CITY'S LUNGS



## BACKGROUND: ←.....

USDG Fuels, LLC wants to build a fuel transfer station in National City, on West 18th St, less than 1/2 mile from Kimball Elementary School and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Railcars would carry toxic fuel to the station and transfer it to heavy-duty trucks to drive down our streets and distribute it throughout San Diego. This project would increase truck traffic, lung-damaging pollution, and derail local clean air goals. National City could approve the project without requiring it to reduce pollution or help the impacted community.

## THE PROJECT: ←.....

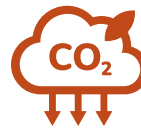
- ⇒ 24/7: The facility will operate 24 hours per day, seven days a week.
- ⇒ More Polluting Trucks & Trains: The facility will add nine rail spurs and four fixed truck loading spots.
- ⇒ Increase Truck Traffic: The station would require 115 heavy-duty diesel trucks (oil tankers) per day, increasing truck traffic in the community.
- ⇒ Dangerous Cargo: Trucks will be loaded with highly flammable and toxic blended diesel fuels.
- ⇒ More Air Pollution: All of the fuels transferred produce air pollution, including climate-change-causing gases.

## THE DANGER: ←.....



### LUNG DAMAGING:

Most oil tankers run on diesel. Pollution from diesel contribute to cancer, low birth weight, and lung damage - leading to breathing problems like asthma.



### THREAT TO CLEAN AIR GOALS:

By potentially increasing heavy-duty diesel truck traffic, the station threatens local clean air goals and efforts to transition to pollution-free trucks (ZEV).



### FIRE RISK:

Trains and oil tankers would move large amounts of hazardous chemicals through our communities increasing the risk of a catastrophic emergency.



### WORSENS CLIMATE CRISIS:

Medium and heavy-duty trucks emit 15% of all oxides of nitrogen (NOx) countywide, which contributes to climate change.



### NOISE POLLUTION:

70% of the trucks will travel to the facility from 6pm-6am to avoid traffic, which increases noise pollution during normal sleeping hours.

## CLOSE TO HOMES & SCHOOLS

- **Schools**: Less than 1/2 mile away from Kimball Elementary School.
- **Homes**: ~550 ft. from the closest residential home.
- **Vulnerable Community**: Located in San Diego's Portside Environmental Justice Community (AB 617) area, which the State selected to monitor and reduce air pollution.

## NATIONAL CITY ALREADY BREATHES POLLUTED AIR

- **Air Pollution**: Residents in Westside National City breathe more diesel pollution than 90% of CA.
- **Cancer Risk**: In Portside communities, 84% of cancer risk is from diesel pollution.
- **Asthma**: Children in National City have two times more asthma emergency room visits than the county average.