

What  
people are  
saying...

Fair wages, money spent by local construction workers, a safe work site and a community partner such as Valero makes it a win-win proposition ... The Oil by Rail project, in my opinion, will support our joint partnership with Valero and offer environmental benefits.

—**Dan Broadwater**  
*Business Manager,  
International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers Local 180*

It will be safer for our environment, bring more jobs to our community, and increase the taxes to the city from Valero. We understand it will also reduce our dependence on foreign crudes. We believe this project is good for our community and us as residents.

—**Don and Gail Stock**  
*Benicia Residents*

With the Valero Benicia Refinery being one of the newest and most advanced refineries in the nation, and having a commendable safety record, they ask to continue doing what the refinery was designed to do, refine crude oil.

—**Eric Hogle**  
*2012-2013 Chairman  
of the Board, Benicia  
Chamber of Commerce*

## Valero's Crude by Rail Infrastructure Improvement Project

Valero's Crude by Rail infrastructure improvement project will ensure the refinery remains a strong and healthy member of the local community, says Vice President and General Manager John Hill.

"By investing in the refinery's ability to remain flexible and competitive, the City of Benicia will benefit from a continued strong tax base, the high paying jobs it provides to our community, and the knowledge that Valero runs a safe and reliable operation," adds Hill.

Valero's Crude by Rail project:

- **Reduces air emissions in the Bay area.** Marine transportation of crude, currently the primary mode of oil transport to the refinery, produces more air pollutants than delivery by rail.
- **Increases refinery flexibility.** By adding three short rail tracks and an off-loading rack, this project will help to keep Valero competitive with nearby facilities by providing an alternate means of delivery for North American crude oil.
- **Meets all requirements of California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).** A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is being prepared by the City of Benicia to describe the project and examine potential environmental impacts.
- **Invests in Benicia.** This infrastructure project means additional construction jobs, at least 20 permanent jobs, and long-term tax revenue for Benicia.
- **Does not change refinery operations.** This project makes no changes to the amount of oil the refinery processes or the way it will be refined.
- **Does not affect refinery safety or reliability.** Valero has been recognized by the state and the industry for its safety programs and performance. This project will not change the refinery's emphasis on safety. The refinery will remain a leader in safety and reliability.
- **Does not affect air quality in the region.** Valero remains committed to meet or exceed the existing air quality standards set by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.
- **Does not change the refinery's feedstock profile.** This project will not change the crude oil feedstock profile currently processed at the refinery, ensuring that operations remain consistent with ALL existing environmental and air quality requirements.
- **Does not affect compliance with AB 32.** The refinery's obligations under California's Greenhouse Gas Emissions law (AB 32) will not change as a result of this infrastructure project.

### Fast Fact:

Valero's Crude by Rail project supports the refinery's commitment to environmental responsibility by continuing to meet or exceed all state and federal environmental standards.

### Safety First:

Valero's Benicia Refinery is the only Northern California refinery to earn the Cal/OSHA Voluntary Protection Program STAR Site designation for its safety practices and procedures.