

Name: Mike O'Toole

Title: Sect.

Organization: Rockaway Park Homeowners & Residents

County: Queens

Comment: We are opposed to the LNG aspect of the plan. Specifically any, proposal that will bring an LNG facility to our ocean. We object on many levels, not the least of which is the safety and security of our residents. The siting of a facility like this in such close proximity to our shore and shipping lanes is ill conceived. Then, there the environmental concerns. This is a dirty fuel, if the compression, transportation and regassification are taken into account it's almost as dirty as coal. Then there is the impact to our fishing, both commercial and recreational. There is also the question of need. By all reports we have plenty of natural gas right here in NY State. It is also sourced from foreign countries, some of whom may or may not be our friends. What about terrorism, need I say more. As you can see there are many issues to be considered these are just some. Please remove any LNG facility from this otherwise excellent plan. Thank You Mike O'Toole Sect. RPHR

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Comment: I presented remarks at your Brooklyn College hearing a few weeks ago, and would again like to thank you for providing an open forum. Your energy plan includes the development of an offshore island LNG Terminal proposed in the NYC shipping channels off the Rockaways. Natural Gas is clean, safe and abundant here in the US and Canada, and Williams Companies does an exceptional job pipelining gas across the nation. We don't need to lock ourselves into reliance on foreign providers of natural gas, such as Russia and Libya and Algeria, when it's plentiful here. I would suggest the exploration & development of NY State's own Marcellus basin, which would provide domestic energy, boost jobs upstate and support farmland prices. Tapping NY State natural gas resources fulfills the Governor's pledge of 45 by 15. Importing Russian gas mocks the governor's plan. Further, this LNG terminal could pose enormous terrorist risks. Plus, this proposed island terminal is experimental in that no island terminal has ever been built in the US (our offshore work is on floating platforms). For all these reasons - plus the degradation of our natural water resources - explain why I am against this terminal and why our civic - RPHR - is against the development of this LNG terminal. Please cease and desist with this plan. Governor Paterson rejected a similar proposal for LI Sound, and should here, likewise! T/Y...PJS