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Comment:

I strongly urge the NYS Energy Board to revise its 2009 NYS Energy Plan to exclude any and all provisions that would allow Atlantic Sea Island Group to build their Safe Harbor Energy island off the shores of Long Island. This island will serve as a depot for the importation of LNG from foreign countries. Natural gas is a fossil fuel that emits slightly less carbon dioxide than petroleum, but the process of converting it to liquid, transporting it in tankers and then regasifying it gives LNG a carbon footprint that is at least 20% greater than that of domestic natural gas. Why bring in dirtier fuel when the US has ample supplies of its own cleaner natural gas? The environmental impact study is well underway. Before it is complete, the NYS Energy Planning Board must take a stance against the Safe Harbor Energy proposal. I respectfully request that the NYS Energy Planning Board remove all provisions from its Plan that include the importation of LNG. Specifically, please revise the Plan so that ASIG's Safe Harbor Energy project is no longer a consideration for New York State's energy future.