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Comment: I am writing to urge members of the New York State Energy board to reject Atlantic Sea Island Group's Safe Harbor Energy project as you draft your energy plan. Even without the results of the environmental impact statement, it should be clear that it is not safe to have a liquefied natural gas island off the shore of densely populated barrier islands like Long Beach and the Rockaways. It will be sitting right in the Atlantic ocean, subject to high seas, hurricanes, and storms. When similar projects were proposed off the coast of California and in Long Island Sound, they were turned down as being too dangerous to the environment, and that is equally true in this case. As for its contribution to our energy picture, natural gas is cleaner-burning than oil, but the process of converting it to liquid, transporting it in tankers and then regasifying it produces a much dirtier-burning fuel than oil, emitting up to 20% more carbon. That's exactly what we don't need right now, especially since this is foreign gas and we have no shortage of domestic natural gas. The only ones who will profit from this project are Atlantic Sea Island Group corporation, its lobbyists, and backers. The overwhelming citizen response is a resounding: NO!