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SEP Comments
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RE: LNG Port Facilities
off NY/NJ shores

Gentlemen:

I strongly recommend that you reject any LNG projects being proposed and targeted for the Clean Ocean Zone (COZ) (waters from Montauk Point, NY to Cape May, NJ -offshore to the outer edge of the Continental Shelf: about 100 miles).

I believe that industrialization of the COZ with fossil fuel projects would be detrimental to the physical and biological characteristics of this unique area which is home to 300 species of fish, almost 350 species of birds, 7 species of sea turtles and 9 endangered species.

LNG is a bad choice for the ocean since the port facilities will devastate important fish habitat; damage the sea floor habitat with pipelines; destroy vast quantities of marine life in the process of refilling huge emptied tankers with billions of gallons of sea water to serve as ballast.

LNG is a polluting, climate changing foreign fossil fuel. The liquefaction, transportation and gasification processes emit 20% - 40% more GHGs than domestic natural gas.

Most importantly, we DO NOT NEED LNG ports in this region since currently 97% of the natural gas used in the US is from North America. Recent discoveries of natural gas fields in the US and Canada will supplement our domestic supply to fulfill an ever-growing demand. LNG port facilities will increase our use and dependence on unstable foreign sources contrary to our present energy goals.

Focusing our efforts on efficiency, conservation and renewable technologies will create a situation that decreases GHG emissions and increase long-term jobs with green technology.

Very truly,
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