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Comment: I strongly urge the NYS Energy Board to revise its 2009 NYS Energy Plan to exclude 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 LNG imported 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, and then regasifying it gives LNG a carbon footprint that is 20% greater than that of domestic natural gas. This will be the first artificial island designed specifically for the import, storage, regasification and distribution of LNG in this country. A similar island was proposed off the coast of California, but Gov. Schwarzenegger vetoed the project because it fell short of California's standards for public health and safety and for the environment. Closer to home, the Broadwater project to situate an LNG barge 9 miles from the North Shore of Long Island was rejected by Gov. Paterson, who objected to the industrialization of the Long Island Sound and cited the need to preserve the Sound as a valuable estuary. Are the South Shore's ocean waters any less valuable?