



AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY

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Department of Transportation
Docket Management Facility
Attention: Mark Prescott
US Coast Guard
West Bldg, Ground Fl, Rm W12-140
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

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Dear Mr. Prescott:

Our chapter of the American Littoral Society, a coastal conservation organization, voices its strong objection to the proposal to build an island off the Rockaway coast for a facility to import liquefied natural gas. The project, unnecessary since our country is rich in natural gas, poses a grave danger to the ocean environment and to the security of our country.

Currently, 97% of the US need for natural gas is supplied by North American sources. Industry sources predict natural gas supplies lasting 120 years.

The project would devastate important fishing grounds and damage seafloor habitat. It would pollute with wastewater, biocides, spills, and air emissions such as nitrogen and carbon dioxide.

This operation at sea would not be secure. The Government Accountability Office (GOA) found that the Coast Guard has difficulty adequately policing *existing* facilities.

Please do not further industrialize our ocean. The Littoral Society subscribes to the notion that our country should be moving away from dependency on fossil fuels and toward greater conservation efforts and renewable energy technologies.

Sincerely,

Don Riepe
Chapter Director, Jamaica Bay Guardian

cc: NY Governor David Paterson