

LNGStudy

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Secretary Chu,
Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (DOE/FE)
Comments on the LNG Study

Stop thinking about the immediate present and ignoring the risk to the future.

The study is flawed because it does not address the worst case scenario - that all groundwater in every place where fracking is conducted becomes contaminated. Even a "less-than-worst case scenario" is not discussed - where only certain parts of the US groundwater supply becomes contaminated because of a local fracking disaster, nor how many local disasters are possible, and the cumulative effect on all those economies as a result.

The impact of Climate Change has not been adequately considered. Unless the US radically changes direction, politically impossible with the current dysfunctional Congress, deleterious Climate Change is inevitable. It will, in part, manifest itself in the US in the form of water shortages. We will no longer be able to provide for current and future water needs; overuse caused by population growth in sensitive areas, drought, farming needs, pollution, and the like, will deplete "clean" water supplies, making it nearly impossible to live as we do. We will become a state of guns and weapons, dependent upon other similar governments, many hostile to America. If fracking is allowed, a worst case scenario is much more likely to occur. That must be prevented at all costs, or the US will not only *not* make products, but we will lose our ability to feed itself climate change is inevitable and will

First, **"Fracking" cannot be proven to be safe:** Nothing is offered that proves it is safe, and capable of no analysis has been done of the worst case possibility. Fracking does have the ability to catastrophically and disastrously affect ground water. Given that climate change is seemingly inevitable, water must be considered a far more important resource than oil and/or natural gas. Projections are that the southwest could become a dustbowl. Water will be needed everywhere in the US, and nothing must imperil that. This is a *Life in America* issue.

Second, **This is a National Security issue:** Let all the rest of the world deplete its oil and natural gas reserves. It is imperative that the US retain whatever it can for the future, including coal, oil, and natural gas. We need to stop thinking of the present and focus on the inevitable future. The US has the ability, and the strategic need, to retain critical resources when everyone else is about to run out of them. If the US doesn't want to see its current status as a world power disappear in the future, the US must take a long view, not a self-serving short-term view.

Third: The study does not discuss the impact caused by a "fracking" disaster on the local environment and economy, including what happens when the resource is depleted, and the "big money" moves on.

The bottom line is that risk is not adequately considered, analyzed, and reported on. Given that the study was done by a consulting firm with strong fossil fuel industry ties, would seem to indicate that the firm may not be unbiased, as it appears to have a vested interest in expanded fracking.

Please do your job and represent and implement what is best for *all* Americans, not just for a select few.

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Better to keep your mouth shut and be thought a fool, then to open your mouth and remove all doubt

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