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**Subject:** Is an increase in Liquefied Natural Gas exports really worth it?  
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Dear Department of Energy Officials,

After seeing the Department of Energy's report: "Effect of Increased Natural Gas Exports on Domestic Energy Markets," I am quite concerned that the impacts - ecological, economical, and policy-related - have not been fully included.

As authorizations of Liquefied Natural Gas exports increase, clearly there will be an increase in drilling and hydraulic fracturing. With increased drilling and fracking, there are concerns related to those activities that were not thoroughly considered in the report.

Shale gas development and its infrastructure can cause or contribute to deforestation, land compaction, wetlands destruction, and increased earthquake potential, as well as increase potential for flooding and erosion of public and private lands that must be responded to and addressed by homeowners, communities and local, state and federal governments. To the extent that LNG exports would support, cause and encourage more shale gas development it would be increasing these harms and the associated costs. A reliable report needs to consider these costs.

I am concerned that the 2012 report on LNG exports does not paint an unbiased picture for decision makers. The report may paint a green-light picture favorable to the oil and gas industries so eager to gain business and another dollar in any way possible, but it does not paint a clear picture of the communities whose property values plummet every time a well is installed, the drinking water that is irreversibly contaminated (and often covered up by these same industrial tycoons by buying off the victims who could not otherwise afford to purchase an alternate source of clean water), and entire environments that are destroyed as they are soaked in brine water and other toxic waste from these projects.

Members of the Department of Energy, I have to ask you: what would *you* do if you were approached by a shale gas company and offered a six-digit figure in exchange for the rights to drill on your property, where you live? Would *you* allow this to happen in *your* yard? Do *you* feel safe being near these operations?

I know I don't, and I'm guessing you're hesitant, too.

It's within your power to help halt the increase in shale gas production- not to limit energy resources or to prevent economic growth, but to protect what resources are in threat of being destroyed should such productions increase: access to clean drinking water, home property values, entire communities and environments. Please do not approve any more applications for LNG exports. Help us know that you value what we value: our communities, our environments, our water.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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