

LNGStudy

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To: LNGStudy
Subject: LNG exporting comment

Dear DOE,

I am writing to ask that the proposed permits for the LNG pipelines for export be denied. The study as reported will economically benefit the gas industry and the few that own the most stock in these companies. But what will it do for the majority of tax paying citizens of the United States of America?

Exporting natural gas means new pipelines and LNG terminals need to be built. The DOE study failed to consider the environmental costs of this new infrastructure, and the social cost to the hundreds of families that would have their land condemned by multinational corporations under the pretense that it is in the public good, instead of just for corporate profits.

Increased drilling for natural gas will increase the rate of global warming and climate change. The cost of damages from increased storm intensity, flooding, and droughts that are exasperated by global warming, were not considered in the report. A recent study found that up to 9% of the natural gas drilled from wells escapes into the atmosphere. This massive increase in methane, a greenhouse gas 20 times the CO2 equivalent of carbon, was not considered in the study done by a company that has obvious interests in the progression of natural gas extraction.

NASA Climate Scientist James Hansen has said that if we have any chance of avoiding the civilization threatening effects of climate change that are heading our way, the fossil fuels that are still in the ground must stay there. We should be encouraging the development of renewable energy, not the use of every last drop of fossil fuel.

We now have enough science and evidence that Fracking is bad for everyone and everything except the industry. It is time to address the truth about climate change and for America to be leading the world in a new direction. By granting these permits, we will be doing the exact opposite. Please do not allow this to happen. Remember, these decisions will

determine not only what is happening today, but what we will be contributing to the future for the generations that will come after us.

I want to believe that there are still people in these positions that are considering more than the economic benefits for few, and are concerned about the legacy we will be leaving for many.

Sincerely,
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