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To: LNGStudy
Subject: LNG exports

Dear U.S. Department of Energy & President Obama,

I am extremely concerned that the Department of Energy is not looking at the full effects of exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) as they decide how to move forward on permitting LNG export facilities.

The natural gas industry's plan to export this fuel would create problems nationwide, especially an increase in hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" needed to supply this gas. Communities will also need to contend with impacts to private property, rivers, and forests from pipeline routes, as well as air quality impacts from the construction of new power plants that would be needed to liquefy the natural gas for export.

While the gas industry profits, local communities are often left to deal with such consequences as poisoned drinking water, devastated coasts, and air pollution. The fracking process is also a major source of global warming pollution, and the super-cooling process needed to create liquefied natural gas for export uses an incredible amount of energy, creating even more climate-disrupting pollution.

Right now, the Department of Energy's study is moving forward without taking these serious consequences into account. It needs to look closely at the public health and environmental risks associated with exporting LNG, before it's too late.

Sincerely,

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