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As a resident of Long Island, I am writing to adamantly state my opposition to the proposed Broadwaters liquefied natural gas facility to be located in the Long Island Sound.

Environmentally:

The L.I. Sound is an Estuary of National Significance, so designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Over the last ten years, the citizens of L.I. have spent \$1 billion dollars working to improve the conditions of the Sound by cleaning up industrial waste problems. Why would we want to jeopardize that now?

Renewable Energy:

LNG(liquefied natural gas) is a fossil fuel and is NOT a renewable form of energy. TransCanada and Shell have made it clear that the natural gas they would import to the Broadwaters facility will be from sources outside of North America, and will be of little benefit (if at all) to Long Islanders...

Security Issues:

Since LNG is an explosive gas, there would be a minimum of one mile security radius around the facility, as well as around the three expected barges coming in and out each week. This will create the first "PUBLIC NO ACCESS ZONE" on the L.I. Sound. Possible explosions from the platform operations, as well as other technical malfunctions also represent a significant threat to human and ecological safety

Economic Issues:

Twenty million people live within 50miles of the Sound beaches. The Sound generates an estimated \$5.5 billion annually for regional economy. Residents depend on the Sound for recreational purposes, including fishing, boating and swimming, as well as commercial harvesting of shellfish and finfish. The increased tanker traffic with associated "security areas" can only create a disruption to this balance.

The LNG facility would endanger the health and safety of the Long Island Sound and should not be built!

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