

Broadwater's proposal for a huge, liquefied natural gas (LNG) re-gasification and storage facility proposed for the middle of Long Island Sound is unwise and I encourage you to oppose the project.

Broadwater proposes to place a floating industrial complex just 10 miles from the Connecticut shore. The plant would be 28 stories from water line to flare tower, nearly a quarter of a mile long, and 200 feet wide. This poses a significant -- and unnecessary -- threat to the people of Connecticut and the ecology of Long Island Sound.

The project would create a permanent risk to the environment as a potential source for leaks and explosions.

The project would increase the number of large ships traveling through the Sound, with 2 to 3 tankers (estimated 900- 1,000' in length) per week, from the Race to the terminal.

The development calls for 22 miles of new undersea pipelines, which will have a significant negative impact on the critically important and fragile Long Island Sound sea bottom.

Those are just the risks from technical mishaps from normal operation. It takes little imagination to envision what a tempting target a floating LNG facility would present to a terrorist. The attack on the USS Cole in Yemen demonstrates the ease with which a single terrorist armed with a small speedboat and some explosives can wage an effective attack. Now imagine what would have happened if the Cole was filled with highly explosive LNG.

The Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission has approved a number of LNG facilities, including projects in New Jersey and Maryland. The number of facilities FERC is approving is much more than what even their own energy analysts believe the country needs. This project is not only unwanted, but unnecessary.

Finally, a large portion of the Sound surrounding the platform and delivery tankers would be designated "no boating", and "no fishing" zones, excluding the public from these waters. The fact is, Long Island Sound belongs to everyone. The taxpayers of the region and the nation have provided billions of dollars to clean up the sound and we have an obligation to protect it - not only for today, but for the benefit of our children and future generations.

Sincerely,

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