

Port Ambrose Fact Sheet: A Proposed Offshore Liquefied Natural Gas Facility

WHAT is Liquefied Natural Gas (“LNG”)?



Liquefied Natural Gas is natural gas that has been super-chilled to -260 degrees, turning it into a liquid that is 1/600th the original volume of gas. It is clear, colorless, odorless, and extremely volatile. This gas is compacted so large volumes can be shipped overseas. LNG should not be confused with gasoline or compressed natural gas.

LNG is Expensive. The intensive energy use required to liquefy natural gas and shipping costs makes LNG up to three times more expensive than domestic natural gas.

LNG is Dirty. It results in up to 40% more greenhouse gas emissions than domestic natural gas due to a lifecycle that requires super-cooling, transporting overseas in giant tankers, and heating back to gaseous form.

WHAT is Port Ambrose?

A company, Liberty Natural Gas (confusingly also known as LNG), has proposed an offshore port called “Port Ambrose,” which would import liquefied natural gas off the coasts of New York and New Jersey. The port would allow two LNG vessels (which are as long as the World Trade Center Tower is tall) to directly connect to the region’s natural gas system, but the capacity could be expanded.

WHERE will this port be located?

At the gateway to the NY/NJ Harbor, approximately 18 miles off Long Island and 28 miles off New Jersey.

WHO is Liberty LNG?

Liberty Natural Gas is a foreign energy interest – the corporation is managed by an investment group in Toronto, Canada, and entirely owned by a bank account in the Cayman Islands. There’s no way of determining who is behind the company.

PORT AMBROSE PUTS THE PUBLIC, ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY AT RISK:

Port Ambrose threatens public safety and is vulnerable to attack. The US Coast Guard is already overburdened and unable to monitor existing LNG tankers; new tankers increase risk. The port is located:

- Within a few miles of the most densely populated area in the United States.
- Within the air traffic of 3 international airports, and many smaller airports.
- Between navigational channels for ships including chemical and petroleum tankers traveling into the busiest port in the Atlantic Ocean.
- In a highly trafficked area; each year, hundreds of thousands of boats and ships use the area near the tankers.
- In stormy seas; during Superstorm Sandy, wave heights were nearly 30 feet.

Port Ambrose displaces renewable energy proposals:

- NY is proposing to build a wind farm in the same area; they are incompatible. It’s one or the other.
- Continuing to invest in unneeded fossil fuel infrastructure today delays the transition to a renewable energy future.

Port Ambrose threatens the environment:

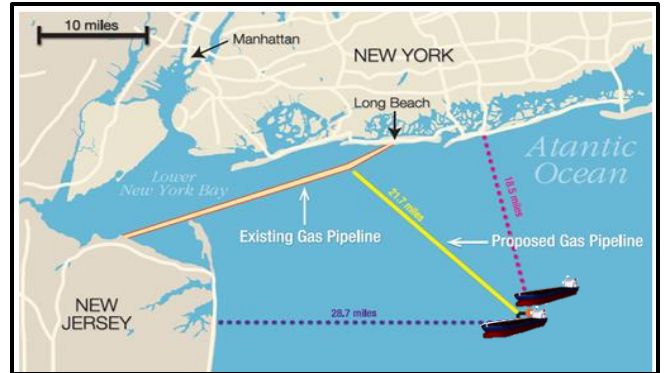
- The regasification of LNG will cause air and water pollution and destroy billions of fish eggs and larvae each year.
- The construction of new pipelines will dredge up nearly 20 miles of sea floor.
- Pipeline construction and port operations will cause increased air pollution and harm hundreds of marine mammals.

Port Ambrose threatens the economy:

- Commercial and recreational fishermen and divers will be excluded from large areas of important fishing grounds.
- Exclusion zones will extend from each docking buoy for nearly two miles, eliminating the ability of vessels to access or anchor in a critical location between some of the busiest shipping lanes in the world.
- The ports of New York and New Jersey shipping and commerce will be delayed due to security requirements near tankers.
- The US Coast Guard is taxpayer funded and already overburdened – monitoring and responding to any incidents related to this port will cost even more money.

There is no need!

For the last few years, natural gas prices overseas have skyrocketed; in Europe and Asia natural gas can cost several times more than it does domestically. U.S. Energy companies are scrambling to build LNG facilities for exporting United States-produced natural gas overseas. Already, licenses have been granted to export over 40% of U.S. daily production, and Congress recently passed a law allowing exports from ports like Port Ambrose. The U.S. is on track to be a net exporter of LNG by 2017 and of all natural gas (via LNG



and pipelines) by 2020. With the United States flush with domestically produced natural gas, and a growing land based pipeline infrastructure to distribute this supply, there is no need to import liquid natural gas into this region.

What about jobs?

Five (5) permanent jobs will result from the port. In addition, there are 6 consulting firms that have been hired to facilitate the building of Port Ambrose. Short-term jobs will be created during the construction phase. However these jobs will end once construction is completed. Compare this to the thousands of local, high-paying, permanent jobs that a green energy future would bring.

Who supports Port Ambrose? Very few:

Over 75,000 comments were submitted in opposition to the project through the scoping and draft environmental review process compared to only 300 comments in support of the project. The ANTI-LNG coalition includes 129 fishing, labor, homeowner/civic, faith-based, political, education, environmental, fishing (commercial/recreational), and surfing groups. Many towns have passed resolutions opposing the project.

The license is FOREVER.

Once issued, the license of this facility could be sold to another company without public review or comment.

What is the status of the project?

Under the Deepwater Port Act, the U.S. Coast Guard and Maritime Administration (MARAD) are the lead agencies charged with reviewing the application. Liberty Natural Gas submitted the application for Port Ambrose in 2012, and has been given over 3 years to fix over 250 data gaps and problems within their proposal. This information is contained in a recently released Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), and the public only has 45 days to review the 3000 pages, and public hearings are scheduled for the first week in November. After the public hearings, the Governors of New York and New Jersey have the right to veto the project before December 21, 2015. If not, a final decision on Port Ambrose will be made by MARAD by February of 2016.

Final Opportunity to Comment: **Attend Public Hearings**

There will be a total of four public hearings held in connection with the application and the FEIS; **two public hearings will be held in Long Beach, New York on November 2 & 3, 2015 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; and two public hearings will be held in Eatontown, New Jersey on November 4 & 5, 2015 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.** Each public hearing will be preceded by an open house from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The public docket will also accept comments until November 30 see below.

What more can be done to stop Port Ambrose?

Fortunately, under the Deepwater Port Act, the governor(s) of adjacent states have the power to VETO a proposed facility, which is exactly what NJ Governor Christie did in 2011. In 2007, Liberty Natural Gas proposed the same project under a different name. Now we must affirm Governor Christie's vow to veto any LNG port off New Jersey and pressure Governor Cuomo to also make a vow to veto Port Ambrose.

What can you do?

Get Onboard! Over 75,000 comments have been submitted in opposition to Port Ambrose.

- ✓ Write a letter or call your governor asking him to veto Port Ambrose. For Governor Christie call 609-292-6000: for Governor Cuomo, call: 1-800-566-5020
- ✓ **Sign the Petition** at www.cleanoceanaction.org. Tell friends and family (all ages) to sign. Download copies of the petition from COA's website to collect signatures and return them to COA.
- ✓ Join the **Anti-LNG campaign** by going to cleanoceanaction.org, and on **left** panel, click on "**Email List Sign up.**"
- ✓ **ATTEND A PUBLIC HEARING TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD (see above)**



Take Additional Action!

Here are some additional actions to take against Port Ambrose:

- ▶ Write letters to the editor of local and regional newspapers opposing the project and encourage citizens, organizations, and elected officials to take action.
- ▶ Let the federal government know your concerns with Port Ambrose! To leave a comment, visit www.regulations.gov and search for docket number USCG-2013-0363, or visit www.tinyurl.com/LNGcomments.
- ▶ Support "The New Jersey/New York Clean Ocean Zone Act," which is bi-partisan, bi-state legislation to permanently protect the waters off the NY/NJ coast from polluting activities and facilities, such as LNG ports (visit www.cleanoceanzone.org).

TOGETHER WE CAN STOP LNG!

Spread the word to oppose LNG, sign up for action, get more facts & sign the petition!

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