

Attachment 1 to Press Release dated 4.14.2021 for delivery of letter to President Biden to stop LNG exports

Representatives of Organizations that signed the April 14 letter submitted to President Biden on April 14, 2021 speak out about why they oppose the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and why they signed the letter:

“The Environmental Health Project urges that any decision to add LNG infrastructure where people may be exposed to dangerous compounds needs to assure the safety of those in proximity to such infrastructure. We are concerned that human health may be compromised by the release, whether accidental or purposeful, of carcinogenic, radioactive, or otherwise damaging compounds, which could result in higher risks of cancer, heart disease, respiratory issues, and any number of other poor health outcomes for anyone exposed to them,” **said Alison L. Steele, Executive Director, Environmental Health Project.**

“In 2015, FERC and our public officials dismissed the health and safety of the residents of Calvert County, Maryland, and people throughout the Chesapeake region when it approved the Cove Point LNG Export facility,” said Robin Broder of Waterkeepers Chesapeake. “Pollution impacts to the Chesapeake Bay, the Patuxent River and upstream rivers, streams and drinking water sources were ignored. Pennsylvania’s wild forests have been turned into industrial frackscapes so the gas industry can make more profits exporting shale gas. Even though Maryland has banned fracking, its residents are harmed by a proliferation of pipelines so that natural gas can be exported, all the while the communities near Cove Point are suffering from hazardous air pollution. We need to stop LNG exports,” **said Robin Broder (she/her) Deputy Director, Waterkeepers Chesapeake.**

“President Biden, in order to meet your commitment to dealing with climate change and protect the American people, you must ban LNG exports. LNG promotes fracking and the pollution of our waterways as well as releasing tremendous amounts of greenhouse gases, especially methane. Shipping LNG from facilities like in Gibbstown, NJ would have major impacts on pollution and safety. Trains or trucks carrying LNG are bombs on wheels. One accident could create a catastrophe. The ships themselves are floating bombs, an accident would set up an explosion similar to Hiroshima,” **said Jeff Tittel on behalf of Empower New Jersey.** “President Biden, you must stop these exports if you’re serious about climate change and reducing greenhouse gases. For health, safety, and the environment, you must stop this fracking disaster.”

“The rush to exportation of LNG is solely to create a market for excess U.S. gas and to create the infrastructure for perpetual gas-fired power to enrich gas promoters. Locally, Pennsylvania is being victimized by increased and ongoing fracking and pipeline infrastructure to supply gas to the LNG exporters. Pennsylvania will be left with legacy environmental destruction. The world will be left with unsustainable greenhouse gasses,” **said Diana G Dakey, Facilitator, Protect Northern PA.**

"The continued furious construction pace of new fossil fuel infrastructure endangers our country's economy, environment, and way of life," **said Matt Gove, Mid-Atlantic Policy Manager, Surfrider Foundation.**

"Now is the time for a bold vision with equally bold steps that encompasses not only the halt to production, transport and export of LNG, but a halt in continuing to think that fossil fuel use is baked into every aspect of our lives. LNG in particular is a particularly toxic product from an industry that has wreaked havoc, pollution and damage to public health, public and private lands, and air and water resources. It has steamrolled over the rights of people to control their lives, their homes and their townships. It has devastated both communities of color along with rural towns and homeowners because of projects that destroy not only air and water, but sanity itself with the constant traffic, poisonous emissions and unending noise. We cannot continue to support such an industry while it is killing us," **said Sharon Furlong, Spokesperson, Bucks Environmental Action.**

"For years LNG facilities have polluted our air and water and intensified climate change through methane and carbon emission. It is time to make the commitment to protect our communities from further pollution and expand renewable energy resources," **said Joanie Steinhaus, Gulf Program Director, Turtle Island Restoration Network.**

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