

Re: Transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) through Philadelphia by rail

Dear Delaware River Basin Commissioners,

We, organizations based in Philadelphia, are writing to express our grave concerns about the plan to transport liquefied natural gas (LNG) through Philadelphia by rail for shipment overseas from a proposed export terminal in Gibbstown, NJ close to the Philadelphia airport. The company proposing the export terminal intends to transport 100-car trains containing LNG through Philadelphia every day of the year.

The transporting of LNG by railcar is unprecedented and untested and exposes city residents and workers to the danger of accidents that could be catastrophic in scope. The dangers of LNG by rail have been expressed to the federal government by the Attorneys General of 14 states, including Pennsylvania, by the National Transportation Safety Board, and the International Association of Fire Fighters, among others.

The proposed LNG transport routes through Philadelphia will subject our neighborhoods to the most intense and inescapable zone of impact should there be an accident such as a derailment. This degree of risk is unacceptable.

We ask that you, the DRBC Commissioners who will soon be voting on whether the permit should be approved, vote to deny it. As the Governors of the states in the Delaware Basin, we ask that you protect the communities and water resources of the Basin from the tremendous risks involved in case of accidents. As organizations based in Philadelphia we are opposed to the proposed LNG railcar transportation through our city, due to the potential catastrophic impact it could have on our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully requested,

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Allyson Hunter-Talbot, concerned citizen

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