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The South Shore Audubon Society is alarmed over the fact that the current energy plan being developed by New York State includes the possibility of creating liquefied natural gas facilities off the coast of Long Island. LNG is a polluting fossil fuel that contributes to global warming. Long Island is very vulnerable to the damaging effects of sea level rise linked to global warming. LNG facilities would also adversely affect the environment by damaging the sea floor, harming fisheries, and further negatively impacting already endangered marine species that inhabit and visit our waters. LNG is an unnecessary and undesirable industrialization of our coastal and marine environments, and should have no place in our state's energy plan. The South Shore Audubon Society believes "we should encourage local governments and citizens to reduce their carbon footprints and dependency on non-renewable fossil fuels by utilizing many existing conservation methods, including recycling, mass transit, local food sources, green building codes, alternative energy sources, and energy efficient products" (Global Warming resolution of the Audubon Council of New York State). New York State should strongly and dramatically encourage energy conservation and the development of alternative energy sources. Creating LNG facilities located off our coasts would be detrimental to these sound energy goals.

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Comment: I am completely opposed to the construction of the LNG facility in the Atlantic Ocean. Emphasis should be on reducing the use of Fossil fuels. In addition the effects of the construction, use and maintenance of the facility would probably be detrimental to the ocean environment which is already under negative pressures. Facilities which would facilitate the IMPORT of fuels are definitely not needed. The US has domestic sources of Natural Gas.