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Subject: Regarding the 2012 LNG Export Study

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To Whom It May Concern:

*It is my understanding that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will analyze if it is in the economic **public interest** of Americans to export liquefied natural gas. The report you released in December concluded exporting fracked gas would be good for America. I was stunned to read in my local newspaper that your report was so positive about how great it would be for all of the people in America to take a limited & frequently manipulated natural resource and export it to other countries, thus using up our natural resource and raising the price of the gas in the United States..*

Later, through Senator Ron Wyden's January 10, 2013 letter to Secretary Chu, I was further surprised to see that the study you are using to help determine if it is in the "public interest" to export liquefied natural gas is deeply flawed. I certainly hope that you are taking the facts presented in that letter into consideration and not relying only on your December report that has been proven to be inaccurate. It looks like a new study needs to be done.

Now, this Saturday I read that the Interior Department is again delaying a proposed rule that would require companies drilling for oil and natural gas on federal lands to publicly disclose the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing operations. The final rule is not expected on that until the end of 2013. Since that fracked gas is the basis for the liquefied natural gas planned to be exported, it would seem that knowing exactly what chemicals (and consequences and liabilities thereof) are being pumped into the earth would be a factor in determining if this is in the public interest to possibly destroy whole areas of the earth and the water table in many communities in the United States in order to export the gas to foreign companies. Perhaps the new study needs to follow the final rule on this.

I do not believe it is in the public interest to export the United States fracked gas. I believe the United States should focus its attention on sustainable and renewable sources of energy for use in our country so that smaller amounts of fracked gas can be used as an inexpensive bridge fuel for a manufacturing recovery in the United States. Please stop even considering exporting our unsustainable and non-renewable natural gas resources to other countries.

It causes me deep pain to watch how the people's resources of the commons are being fracked and planned to be sold to foreign counties. I don't think the unsafe fracking should be happening (but this whole issue was avoided in its inception during the Bush Administration), and if it is happening, because our government has sold us out, then what would be the "public good" of selling it to other countries, thus driving up the need for huge amounts of fracking while also driving up the price of the gas in the United States?

*Making money is not the only part of the equation the DOE should consider. Your study needs to look at who the losers will be when determining if LNG exported to foreign countries is in the **public interest**. Except for the foreigners who may make huge financial profits, all the rest of us will be the losers!*

I submit this poem, by a famous author, which historically proves that apparently we have learned next to nothing in our country, except about making the almighty dollar.

*Teach your children
What we have taught our children----
That the earth is our mother.
Whatever befalls the earth
Befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.
If men spit upon the ground,
They spit upon themselves.*

*This we know.
The earth does not belong to us;
We belong to the earth.
This we know.
All things are connected
Like the blood which unites one family.
All things are connected.*

*Whatever befalls the earth
Befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.
We did not weave the web of life;
We are merely a strand in it.
Whatever we do to the web,
We do to ourselves...*

-Chief Seattle

Sincerely Yours,

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