

# No BHP Billiton LNG on Our Coastline! OUR COMMUNITIES DESERVE BETTER!

# WHAT IS LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)?

LNG is natural gas that has been extracted abroad and "supercooled" to -260°F to its liquid form. LNG is then shipped overseas and imported into coastal terminals.

## WHAT IS THE CABRILLO PORT TERMINAL?

BHP Billiton, the world's largest mining company, proposes to moor a massive floating LNG storage facility and processing terminal, the Cabrillo Port, approximately 14 miles offshore from the Oxnard and Malibu coastline.

#### WHY IS LNG PROBLEMATIC?

- LNG is not a clean fuel: LNG, like coal or oil, is a finite fossil fuel, which emits CO2 when burned.
   Cabrillo Port will be responsible for 25 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year from extraction through combustion.
- LNG increases our dependency on foreign sources of energy: LNG is imported from many of
  the same countries from which we obtain our oil; Russia, Qatar, and Iran hold almost 60% of global
  gas reserves and are exploring the creation of a cartel to control production and price on a global
  basis.
- LNG is a health hazard: The Cabrillo Port will produce more than 200 tons of air pollution per year, aggravating health problems such as asthma and lung disease. Despite these emissions, BHP Billiton lobbied the U.S. EPA to exempt the project from local clean air regulations.
- LNG is dangerous: A vapor cloud flash fire from LNG storage tanks could result in a fire extending
  7.3 miles from the site, endangering boaters and interfering with the busy shipping lanes. A
  dangerous high capacity gas pipeline will run through Oxnard, past schools and farmland. U.S.
  Coast Guard has not analyzed the adequacy of existing plans, resources and funding for federal,
  state and local first responder agencies to deal with the consequences of an accident or attack.
- LNG is an environmental hazard: Cabrillo Port and the LNG tankers will discharge biocide chemicals, sewage, thermal waste cooling water, and concentrated brine from desalination, all of which would impair ocean water quality and harm marine life. In addition, noise from construction and ongoing operations of the LNG facility will harm numerous endangered whale species
- LNG is expensive: The US Dept. of Energy estimates the cost to produce North American gas at less than \$3 per thousand cubic feet, while citing the cost to get LNG to California at more than \$4 per thousand cubic feet.

#### DO WE NEED LNG?

No. Existing US gas supplies, efficiency, and renewables can more than meet California's needs.

# Write a hand-written note & make a call

# to Governor Schwarzenegger

Governor Schwarzenegger has until May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 to finally veto BHP' Billiton's dirty and dangerous LNG terminal. Two crucial state agencies, the California Coastal Commission and the State Lands Commission have already denied the project and Governor Schwarzenegger is the final voice we need to hear from to ensure this project is stopped once and for all.

A hand-written not, no matter how brief, can be a very compelling way of communicating with a decision maker. Making a call will also help us communicate our opposition.

Please take a few moments and ask Governor Schwarzenegger to:

## **Terminate the Terminal!**

### **Contact the Governor**

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