

Dear Ms. Rowe,

I'm writing to submit a public comment regarding the proposed liquid natural gas project in South West Philadelphia currently under review. The testimony from environmental engineers before the commission claims little to no environmental impact of this project.

However this environmental review fails to look beyond the immediate impacts of the project. The gas to be liquified at this plant, is extracted somewhere, and will be consumed somewhere. Likely the gas was extracted through hydraulic fracturing, a process which is well known to taint groundwater, release air pollutants and to destabilize the earth leading to increasingly more destructive and dangerous earthquakes. Not to mention, that fracking, as with all extractive industries, will be economically damaging in the long run to the communities that might currently be benefiting from it.

After liquefaction and transportation and so on, when this gas is eventually consumed, it will release pollutants into the air, contributing to global climate change, and devastating communities across the globe. I won't expound further on the negative impacts of climate change because it is well established that climate change will cause immeasurable damage to human kind (See the IPCC report "Global Warming of 1.5C").

A true environmental analysis of this liquid natural gas project would take all of the negative impacts of fracking and climate change into consideration, and I believe it would find that this project is much too costly for the environment, and for humanity to go forward.

Thank you,
Alana Tartaro, November 6th 2018