

February 6, 2006

Mayor John Street

City Hall, Room 215
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3290

Cc: all members of Philadelphia City Council and the Philadelphia Gas Commission

Re: Proposed Port Richmond LNG facility

Dear Mayor Street:

On behalf of the International Longshoreman's Association we request that you strictly oppose liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipping on the Delaware River in all forms and particularly as is being pursued by Philadelphia Gas Works.

We strongly oppose LNG shipping on the Delaware because it will infringe on our access to the water, our livelihood. The schedule of LNG shipping is likely to be predominant and all other shipping will have to work around it. This project will not help the Longshoreman but only expose us to the dangers of LNG shipping.

The threat of explosion alone is ample reason to oppose PGW's proposal. Thousands of people live within the immediate danger area (defined by a 500 meter radius from the tanker) in the case of a pool fire. Thousands more live within the 2000 meters that are likely to suffer from thermal radiation in the case of a combustible vapor cloud. This is true for many miles along the Delaware River and, of course, in Port Richmond.

We were pleased to see a resolution introduced to City Council to stop PGW's plans but were disappointed to see it held. All this time PGW is wasting ratepayer's money on an inherently dangerous project that will likely never get authorization to become a reality.

Our stance on this issue is abundantly clear. Our hope is that you exercise your authority on the matter and keep LNG shipping out of Philadelphia. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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