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Ocean Conservancy

Ocean County Citizens for Clean Water

Ocean Divas

Ocean Wreck Divers

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Raritan Riverkeeper

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Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County

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Save the Bay

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Shore Surf Club

Sierra Club, Shore Chapter

Soroptimist Club of Cape May County

South Monmouth Board of Realtors

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The Honorable Jon Corzine  
Governor of New Jersey  
State House, CN 001  
Trenton, NJ

## VIA FACSIMILE and ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Governor Corzine,

We are writing to urge the State of New Jersey to proactively seek "adjacent coastal state" status from the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Maritime Administration with regard to the application described below. Under applicable laws, action is required within 14 days of publication in the Federal Register.

On Monday, August 27, 2007, the Federal Register announced the application of Atlantic Sea Island Group (ASIG) to build a gigantic industrial island in the ocean off the New Jersey and New York coast. The island will be 60.5 acres, almost the size of six Giants Stadiums. The purpose of the proposed island would be to create a territory for a Liquefied Natural Gas Facility (LNG), called ironically, "Safe Harbor Energy". The ASIG admits that management team members have "no prior direct experience with offshore LNG operations" or offshore construction.

The island is to be built and operated 19 miles off the coast of Sandy Hook/Sea Bright, New Jersey – in premier fishing grounds and endangered species habitat. From a marine safety perspective, the island would be located at the entrance to NY Harbor, one of the busiest harbors in the world, and directly below the flight paths of three major airports. Millions of tons of material will be dumped into the ocean and destroy aquatic habitat to create this massive island. It is a threat to the improved ocean ecosystem that all have worked so hard to achieve.

Under the Deepwater Port Act, 29 U.S.C. 1501 et seq., "adjacent coastal states" have important rights in the approval process. These rights include (1) public hearing and (2) approval power over any permits issued to the applicant.

Currently, **only the state of New York has been given this status.** Governor Elliott Spitzer has been alerted that New York has the right to review and approve the application. In addition, public hearings will be scheduled for the citizens of New York to voice their concerns.



By contrast, New Jersey's (NJ) voice is unrecognized at this stage, and will not be heard unless NJ requests and receives "adjacent coastal state" status. New Jersey stands in harms way-- the average flow of ocean currents in that region flow **toward NJ's** shores, and during nor'easters, winds blow **toward NJ**. Under the Deepwater Port Act, these facts alone should qualify NJ as an adjacent coastal state since NJ's coastal environment will be subject to a risk of equal or greater harm than that of New York.

In closing, we urge you to request "adjacent coastal state" status immediately and in advance of the pending statutory deadline. We trust that you will ensure the timely initiation of this essential request, as the deadline is **Monday, September 10, 2007**.

For the Ocean,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CZ', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cindy Zipf  
Executive Director  
cc: open letter